

Wisdom Talks
Proverbs: Wisdom for Life
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Proverbs

Big Idea: Wisdom will bring you a flourishing life.

Genesis 3:16

Wisdom Literature:

Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Job
Song of Songs

Wisdom will bring you a flourishing life.

Proverbs 1:1-7

What is wisdom?

Wisdom: The skill of applying knowledge.

Exodus 31:3-5

Wisdom: The skill of applying knowledge to build a good life.

1 Corinthians 3:19-20

Wisdom: The skill of applying knowledge to build a good life by aligning yourself with God's character and purposes.

Wisdom is the most valuable thing you can possess.

Proverbs 4:5-9

Wisdom starts with your view of God.

Proverbs 9:10

God offers wisdom in every area of your life.

Proverbs 16:18, 19:17, 5:3-5, 17:10, and 27:6

Following Jesus isn't just the right way to live, it's the best way to live.

Message questions

We continue our journey through *God's Story* in our fourth series called *Wisdom Talks*, which will cover Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job, and Song of Songs. Knowledge doesn't do us much good if we don't know how to use it. That's where wisdom comes in. As we take a look at some of the wisdom books in the Old Testament, we'll discover how God created the world to work and how he invites us to live according to that intent so we can flourish. This week our Big Idea is *Wisdom will bring you a flourishing life*. Our passages this week are **Genesis 3:16; Exodus 31:3-5; Proverbs 1:1-7, 4:5-9, 5:3-5, 9:10, 16:18, 17:10, 19:17, 27:6; and 1 Corinthians 3:19-20.**

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Who are some of the wisest people in your life? What attributes or behaviors do you admire in them?
2. Have someone read **Proverbs 4:5-9**. Wyatt defined wisdom as the skill of applying knowledge in order to build a good life by aligning yourself with God's character and purposes. Share a time in your life where you did or did not make a wise choice.

3. Read **Proverbs 16:18, 19:17, 17:10, and 27:6**. Which of these stand out to you the most? Where in your life is it difficult to live with wisdom?
4. Following Jesus isn't just the right way to live; it's the best way to live. When you think about the Alderwood values of **Connect, Grow, Go**, which of these needs more of your attention?
5. In a culture that desperately lacks wisdom, how can you go to your relational world with humility and generosity?