

Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, March 23rd, 2025

Series: **“Discovering Our Need for a Savior”**

Message: **“Finding Direction in Today’s World”**

Sermon Text: **Proverbs 2:1-15**; New Testament Text: **Philippians 1:9-11**; Gospel Text: **John 16:12-15**. Read **Proverbs 2:1-15** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **Proverbs 2:1-5**. How would one show that he or she had *received King Solomon’s words and treasured up his commandments*?
2. What are some ways that you might *make your ear attentive to wisdom and incline your heart to understanding*?
3. According to **Proverbs 2:1-5**, does it require effort on our part to *understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God*?

Define *the fear of the Lord* and the *knowledge of God*?

4. How does **Proverbs 2:4** make it clear to us that our effort and work to discover these things is more than worth the cost?
5. Read **Proverbs 2:6-8**. Who is the source of *wisdom, knowledge, and understanding*?

According to **Proverbs 2:7-8**, what does God do for those who *are seeking wisdom and understanding*?

What does the word *integrity* mean to you?

6. Read **Proverbs 2:9-15**. According to v. 9, what will the *Lord's wisdom allow us to understand*?

7. According to vv. **10-12a**, what benefits will you derive from living as King Solomon instructs?

8. According to vv. **12b-15**, what sorts of trouble await those who *reject God's wisdom and understanding*?

Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Philippians 1:9-11** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
 1. What sorts of things would one expect to see in the life of someone whose *love is abounding more and more*? (Try to list ten things.)
 2. Why do you think Paul considers *knowledge and all discernment* to be so important for the Philippians to possess?
 3. To what is Paul referring when he says, “*so that you may approve what is excellent?*”
 4. How would that ensure that the Philippians (and us) would *be pure and blameless for the day of Christ*?
 5. What is the *fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God*?
- II. Next read **John 16:12-15**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
 1. In this passage of scripture, Jesus is contrasting what He has to say to His disciples versus what the Spirit of truth will speak to them when He comes. Why can't Jesus's disciples *bear the things He has to say to them now*?
 2. Who is the *Spirit of truth*?
 3. According to v. 13, what three things will the Spirit of truth do when He comes?
 4. According to v. 14, how will the Holy Spirit glorify Jesus?
 5. Explain what v. 15 means to you?
- III. Now read **Proverbs 2:1-15**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
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 3. According to **Proverbs 2:1-5**, does it require effort on our part to *understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God*?
 4. Define *the fear of the Lord* and the *knowledge of God*?
 5. How does **Proverbs 2:4** make it clear to us that our effort and work to discover these things is more than worth the cost?
 6. Read **Proverbs 2:6-8**. Who is the source of *wisdom, knowledge, and understanding*?

7. According to **Proverbs 2:7-8**, what does God do for those who *are seeking wisdom and understanding*?
8. What does the word *integrity* mean to you?
9. Read **Proverbs 2:9-15**. According to v. **9**, what will the *Lord's wisdom allow us to understand*?
10. According to vv. **10-12a**, what benefits will you derive from living as King Solomon instructs?
11. According to vv. **12b-15**, what sorts of trouble await those who *reject God's wisdom and understanding*?