

Your story is a series of decisions,

Proverbs 1:1-7 | Proverbs 3:5-10

What do the decisions I make today tell about the story I will tell tomorrow?

Wise decisions start in a trusting relationship with God.

1 Samuel 15:22 | 1 Kings 12:1-17 | Joshua 9:1-27 | Acts 10:19-20

- 1) What does God's Word say?
- 2) What do Godly people say?
- 3) What does God's Spirit say?

If still not clear ask more questions!

1 Corinthians 6:12 | 1 Timothy 6:17

- 1) Future question: How does this affect me 5 or 10 years from now?
- 2) Danger Question: Can I live with the worst-case scenario?
- 3) Paralysis Question: What am I going to regret not doing the most?
- 4) Desires of my Heart: What do I want to do the most?

All wisdom is found in a living Relationship with God himself.

God's will for my life is relational not rational. In other words, God blesses disciples, not decisions.

We invite you to use these notes to continue the conversation throughout the week. Whether online or in person, we need to connect together!

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

Your story is a series of decisions. Consider your story... What is the hardest part about making decisions? What helps you make wise decisions in your day?

Connect to God's story

Read Proverbs 3:5-10.

In what ways is this passage inconsistent with our culture? How can trusting our own understanding lead us to make foolish decisions?

We tend to naturally choose control over surrender... Why do you think we do this?

What gets in the way of trusting the Lord? What builds your trust in Him so you can make wise decisions?

How can being impressed with your own wisdom be a stumbling block? Have you ever struggled with your own cleverness?

How do you honor the Lord with your wealth? Why would this be important to the decisions we face? Can wealth (or the pursuit of it) cause you to stumble or make foolish decisions?

List the many rewards the writer points out in this passage. Have you experienced the fruit of trusting the Lord in this way?

This is the last week of Life Groups until the Fall. What are you thankful for that you have experienced with your group this past session?

What are some ways you group can serve, fellowship, and still connect over the Summer break?

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.*

- Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

SEEKING GODLY WISDOM • A Proverbs Reading Plan

This week we launched our new series called "Proverbs – the Way of Wisdom". Most of us have experienced the powerful and even calming effect of the insight of a person with godly wisdom. The big question is how does one gain this kind of wisdom? Scripture makes it clear that it does not happen by accident, but rather on purpose when we seek it, like searching for a hidden treasure. (Proverbs 2:1-22)

Since Proverbs has 31 chapters, a practical way to do this is to daily read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

*What applies to me today?
Where have I seen this in others?
Where have I experienced this?*

As you do this from day to day, know that you will be storing up for yourself insight on how to handle life as God would want you to as well as helping others to live out the wisdom and love of God in their life.

OPTIONS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR READING OF PROVERBS:

- Pick a Time - If we want to make something happen, we usually need to set a time when it will actually happen.
- Mark it Up - Have a pen in hand to jot down notes and underline those verses that catch your attention. It will be encouraging to look back at what you wrote after you've done this over time.
- Write Down Your Thoughts - Get a notebook and write down anytime you have a response to one of the three questions above.
- Use an App- YouVersion bible app has many proverbs reading plans with audio options to listen to the word as well.
- Ease Up - If you miss a day reading, don't stress and say, "Forget about it". Just pick it up the next day and keep going!