

Warm-up Activity

Before the group arrives, hide an item in the room where it's fairly difficult to find. Choose one person to search for the item as you give clues. After they discover the item, ask the group this question:

1. Have you ever lost something you desperately sought to recover? Please share your experience.

OR

Warm-up Question (in lieu of activity)

1. Have you ever lost something you desperately sought to recover? Please share your experience.
2. Describe a time you found something of value – whether an artifact, piece of history, old family photograph, or something that carried monetary value.
Did the discovery cause you to search for more?

Can Your Relate?

Proverbs is the first of the three Wisdom Literature books found in the Old Testament, followed by Ecclesiastes and Job. Written by Solomon, Proverbs teaches the necessity of seeking, finding and implementing true wisdom in practical ways into our everyday lives. This wisdom, characterized as a lady, is founded in the fear of the LORD, and is an attribute of God. The word 'wisdom' in Hebrew literature carries the nuance of skill, and Proverbs seeks to teach believers to implement wisdom skillfully as a follower of God.

1. How do you define wisdom?

What are a few ways in which the 'world' defines wisdom? Describe a few examples of repercussions you've noticed from utilizing this form of 'wisdom'.

2. The first time the word wisdom is found in the Old Testament is in Exodus 28:3. Read that verse. According to this verse, from where does wisdom originate?

According to Proverbs 2:1, by what means do we obtain God's wisdom?

3. Solomon establishes an 'if-then' pattern in 2:1-5. List the eight 'if' actions needed to obtain wisdom?

Which of these stands out to you as something you need to focus on this week, and why? In what specific way will you seek to grow in this area?

4. According to Proverbs 2:5, what is promised in the 'then' statement of Solomon's if/then pattern?

Describe what the 'fear of the LORD' is, and what it looks like to you personally.

5. Would those who know you, say that you carry the knowledge of God? Why or why not.

Live it Out!

To obtain wisdom, we must carry a fear of the LORD – a healthy respect for our Creator God. We carry this respect for God as we grow in knowledge of Him through reading and studying His Word and following His commands found there. Walking in God's wisdom is a learned skill – it is not intellectual but relational. As we navigate life, we are to seek God's wisdom in all circumstances, searching His Word with more diligence and fervor than we have ever searched for anything else in our lives. As we seek God's wisdom, we find HIM and He responds, graciously guiding us through our everyday life circumstances – both benign and difficult.

For what life circumstance today do you most need His wisdom? DO Proverbs 2:1-5: receive and treasure His Words and Commandments; listen and incline your heart; pray for insight and understanding; seek it more than any other thing in your life – then God promises, you will understand and know Him – the giver of wisdom.

In what way can you share this truth about God's wisdom with another person this week?

Encourage your group to commit time to pray for one another, encourage one another, meet each other's needs, fellowship together and interceded for each other as the Lord leads. Encourage them to continue to meet and to return for the next scheduled gathering.