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Pursue Wisdom | 1 Kings 3:4-12

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend was our introduction to Proverbs. If you missed the opening [video from "The Bible Project"](#), take a few minutes and watch it to get a good overview of the book.

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1 Kings 3:4-12 | Proverbs 1:1-7 | James 1:5

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read,

D I S C U S S

Proverbs sets before us one of two paths we can walk in life:
The way of the wise and the road of the fool.

- 1) Share some memories of when you experienced the gift of wisdom in your life or, alternatively, when you've suffered the consequences of doing something foolish.
- 2) What does growing in wisdom look like for you? In what ways do you see this growth happening in your life?

The book of Proverbs was given to us to help us grow in wisdom that honors God and to reject the folly that leads to devastation. But it can be a confusing book for us to access and learn from.

We talked about three ways we can be prepared to read and truly absorb the wisdom of Proverbs.

- Understand the Genre
- Read Slowly
- Read with Discernment

- 3) Choose a few Proverbs to read from anywhere in the book. Practice the points above. How do you see these things helping us to hear God's voice through what we're reading in Proverbs?
- 4) In what area of your life are you needing to grow in wisdom right now?

R E S P O N D

In Matthew 12:42, Jesus says that as wise as Solomon was, He is even greater than Solomon as the one who is wisdom personified.

Think about how you'd like to invite Jesus to be your guide into Proverbs and how you'll engage the scriptures with him.

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Make the prayer of Solomon from 1 Kings 3:9 a personal prayer of yours.

Ask God for wisdom in the areas that you're needing right now.

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

