

Sermon Supplement from June 23

Proverbs #2 - Wisdom

Warm Up

- What are some ways wisdom is portrayed in our culture (TV, movies, media, general cultural perceptions)?

Dig In

- How is it helpful to define wisdom as “*the ability to navigate life with biblical skill and success?*” How does the word picture of a skilled craftsman help you apply this principle?
- From Proverbs chapters 2-4, talk about why we so desperately need wisdom today.
- What do the following passages teach about how we obtain wisdom?
 - Prov. 2:1-6
 - Prov. 13:20
 - James 1:5-8
 - Prov. 9:10

Wrap-Up

- What are a few of your personal take-aways from this message? What did you find challenging and encouraging? What is an action step you will take?

PROVERBS READING CHALLENGE: Read through two to three chapters of Proverbs per week over the summer using the H.E.A.R. method described below. If you are meeting in a small group or with your family, spend time each meeting sharing what you are learning.

- **HIGHLIGHT:** While reading your selected text for the day, typically a verse, phrase or idea will stand out. Write that down.
- **EXPLAIN:** Using basic Bible study principles, explain what that verse or thought means in your own words. Be careful to explain the meaning considering the context.
- **APPLY:** Record how the text applies to the way you think, feel, act.
- **RESPOND:** Write down a prayer or action step that you will take.

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Proverbs Resources:

- *God’s Word for You: Proverbs*, Kathleen Nielson – devotional, easy to read
- *Preaching the Word: Proverbs*, Raymond Ortlund – application focused, pastoral
- *Baker Commentary Old Testament: Proverbs*, Tremper Longman III – scholarly, yet accessible.

Next Week’s Sermon: Foolishness