

PROVERBS: THE WAY OF WISDOM

Life Group Questions | Sunday, July 19, 2020

There are three groups of people who dominate the Hebrew Scriptures. The **prophets** who speak for God and advocate for justice, the **priests** who facilitate God's Law/Word, and the **sages** who provide wisdom through their observations of everyday life. The Book of Proverbs is a collection of wisdom writings from the **sages**. What people group are you most drawn to as a guide in the ways of God?

Read Proverbs 1:1-7. What can you learn about the book of Proverbs through this introduction? What do you notice? What is its purpose?

Proverbs are accumulated experience. They tell us how life works. Proverbs are not promises or guarantees. How does your understanding of what a proverb is shape the way you interact with them in scripture?

Read Proverbs 4:5-9. How does this passage describe wisdom and wisdom's value? How would you describe wisdom? In what practical ways do you (or can you) cultivate wisdom in your own life?

Re-read Proverbs 1:7. How do you understand "the fear of the LORD?" In what practical ways does your understanding shape your life and relationship with God?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:22-24. When we align with the way of Jesus, we align with the way of wisdom. Share a few examples of the wisdom have you learned by walking with Jesus.

Pray for one another.