

# PROVERBS: WISE LEADERSHIP

*Life Group Questions | Sunday, August 30, 2020*

Share your best example of a wise leader—someone who has personally impacted your life.

**Read Matthew 11:1-19.** What stands out to you from this story? Note how John the Baptist has question about leadership and Jesus answers it with a statement about wisdom. What else can you draw from this passage related to wisdom and leadership?

**Read Proverbs 8:12-21.** What are the “deeds of wisdom” described in this passage? How do you personally recognize a leader worth following?

Three “deeds of wisdom” that we can see throughout the proverbs are humility, justice, and mercy. Take a few minutes to discuss each of these. What do these deeds look like in real life?

- **Humility** (Proverbs 8:13a, Proverbs 21:1)
- **Justice** (Proverbs 8:20, Proverbs 29:2, 4a)
- **Mercy** (Proverbs 31:1-9)

**Take 2-3 minutes for individual reflection.** *Who do I follow on social media? What authors do I read? What news anchors do I watch? What politicians do I follow? What theologians, teachers, business leaders do I turn to?? Am I following leaders who promise the good life? Or am I following leaders who point us to the life that is good?*

As you are willing, share your reflections with the group.

**Read Proverbs 29:25-26.** For followers of Jesus, our primary allegiance and devotion is to him. How does that play out practically in your day to day life? Are there areas you struggle to follow Jesus first? What do you think gets in the way of that?

How might you more faithfully follow Jesus first this week?

**Pray together.** Close by reading Matthew 11:28-30.