

# PURSUING WISDOM

## PROVERBS 2:1-11

'My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you.'

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### IF. THEN. WISDOM.

1. When you hear the word *wisdom*, what comes to mind?
2. Read Proverbs 2:1-4.
  - a. How do these verses speak about wisdom?
  - b. What promise(s) do these verses make to us?
3. How does the person of Jesus inform our thinking and response to what Proverbs 2:1-11 is teaching? Use Luke 2:52 and Colossians 2:3 to guide your discussion.
4. The writer of Proverbs makes three 'IF' statements in verses 1-4. Discuss each one using the following questions:
  - a. How do we receive God's Word and treasure up what He commands?
  - b. How does prayer connect us to the wisdom of God [Proverbs 2:3 and James 1:5]?
  - c. In what ways is wisdom more desirable than material possessions [Proverbs 2:4, 3:13-14, and 8:10-11]?
5. Read Proverbs 2:5-11.
  - a. What is the outcome of us doing what 2:1-4 teaches?
  - b. What is the goal or target according to these verses?
6. Discuss the statement: Our relationship with God is not transactional but transformational.
7. What is one way you can make seeking wisdom a priority this week? Share it with the group and then pray for one another in light of that.