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## BIG TRUTH: SAFETY IS FOUND IN GODLY COUNSEL

Proverbs 12:15, 26; 13:20; 15:22; 16:2; 18:24; 24:6; 27:9, 17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

## BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 11:14

*"Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety."*

## BIG IDEAS

- Our understanding, insight, feelings, and thoughts are limited and often broken.
- Wisdom willingly embraces dependence and recognizes our need for help.
- Wisdom values and find success in godly counsel.

## BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 1

## KNEEL: LIVING IN WISDOM

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28) and to use our influence to lead others to do the same. We know that as we pursue a life of worship, we will pursue a life of both wisdom and mission. Throughout this year we will study and pursue the wisdom of God through the book of Proverbs and the mission of God through the book of Acts, and we will learn how both of these things must inform and shape our influence as Jesus followers!

## SERIES AIMS



## Every student should know...

- What wisdom is.
- Why wisdom is worthy to be pursued.
- How to grow in wisdom.



## Every student should feel...

- Love for God who gives all wisdom.
- Satisfied and secure in the wisdom of God.
- Responsible to use their influence to live for Jesus alone.



## Every student should strive to...

- Read through the book of Proverbs one time each month.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Repent of the ways they have not pursued God and His wisdom.



## Every student should want...

- To fear the Lord and keep His commandments.
- To live their lives in pursuit of true wisdom.
- To guard their heart from all impurity.

## STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder the value we place on Godly counsel. We will pray for Godly friends and we will practice investing in friends who give Godly counsel.

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**Read Psalm 1 and make note of your observations in your journal as you answer these questions:**

- What does it mean to walk in the “counsel of the wicked” and “stand in the way of sinners”?
- What is a scoffer? How can we sit in the seat of scoffers?
- What does it look like to delight in the law of the Lord? How is delighting in the law of the Lord different from just obeying it?
- Does the psalmist really mean to meditate day and night? Why or why not? How can we meditate day and night?
- Compare the tree planted by streams of water with the wicked person.

**Read and meditate on Psalm 1. Use these questions to guide your meditation:**

- Ponder what it means to delight in the Lord’s law. What is the Lord’s law and how can you delight in it? What in your life reveals that you delight in it? Why is it important to delight in it and not just obey it?
- Consider the difference between the tree planted by streams of water and the wicked person. What is your life most like—the tree planted by streams of water or the wicked person? What changes do you need to make?
- Ponder the amount of time you spend in God’s Word. How can you use your daily time better to meditate on God’s Word more?



**Spend time praying with your parents.**

- Ask God to give you a heart that values God’s counsel and seeks to be led by Godly counsel rather than wicked counsel.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to give you a heart to hear Godly counsel and not reject it.



**Memorize Proverbs 11:14 this week.**

- Ask your parents or a friend to help you.
- Make a list of your closest friends. Think about the friends you listen to the most. Who are the friends that you go to for advice? Who are the friends that you are most influenced by? Evaluate the “counsel” that you seek. If your counsel is not Godly counsel, make changes in your life so that you are seeking Godly counsel. Discuss this with your parents to get their input and help in finding Godly counsel.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss your receptiveness to Godly counsel. Ask your small group leader how receptive he or she thinks you are to receiving Godly counsel. Discuss ways that you can improve or learn to receive Godly counsel.