

BIG TRUTH: WISDOM VALUES CORRECTION

Proverbs 1:29-31; 5:11-14, 23; 6:23; 9:8-9; 12:1; 13:18, 24; 15:5, 10; 19:20; 27:5-6; 29:1, 15; Hebrews 12:5-13

BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 3:11

"My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of His reproof..."

BIG IDEAS

- We are prone to wander toward the path of folly and sin.
- Correction is a loving action on behalf of God and others to draw wandering hearts back to the path of wisdom.
- Those who pursue wisdom are thankful for correction.

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 SAMUEL 12:1-15**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 our reaction to correction and reproof. We will pray for a heart that welcomes correction and is thankful for reproof. We will practice correcting others on behalf of God.



Read 2 Samuel 12:1-15 and make note of your observations in your journal. Answer the questions below:

- Scan 2 Samuel 11. Note David's sin with Bathsheba and against Uriah. How did he wander from God's truth?
- In 2 Samuel 12:1-15, how did Nathan confront David's sin? How do we know Nathan had the right motive?
- In 2 Samuel 12:5, what does David's anger reveal about his knowledge of God's law?
- What does David's response in verse 13 reveal about his attitude toward correction?
- How did Nathan's correction of David help David?

Read and meditate on 2 Samuel 12:1-15 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder your response to reproof from others. How do you respond when others correct you? How do you respond when your parents correct you?
- Consider the value you place upon God's discipline and correction. Do you value His discipline in your life? How do you know you value it? How can you learn to value it more?
- Ponder how you can grow bolder in correcting others on behalf of God. Do you hesitate to correct others? Why or why not?



Spend time praying with your parents.

- Ask God to show you the ways you bristle at their reproof and correction. Ask God to help you submit to correction so that you can grow spiritually.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to help you love others enough to correct them.



Memorize Proverbs 3:11 this week.

- Ask your parents or friends to memorize it with you.
- Set up a time to discuss with your parents some times when you haven't enjoyed correction. Ask them to point out times they've corrected you and you've not responded well. Seek to recognize the wrong responses you've had and ask them to help you correct them.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss some of the reasons you hesitate to correct others. Discuss some of your fears and ways to overcome them. Discuss some of your wrong motives and how you can pray beforehand and seek to have the right motive for correcting others.