

BIG TRUTH: WISDOM EMBRACES HUMILITY

1 Peter 5:5; Proverbs 3:34; Ephesians 2:3; Philippians 2:3; Colossians 3:12

BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 11:2

"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom."

BIG IDEAS

- Humility begins with seeing God for who He is.
- Humility requires seeing ourselves rightly.
- God opposes the proud.

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 1:7, 8:13, 30:1-6**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 whether or not our lives reveal that we are embracing humility. We will pray for a heart that seeks to embrace humility as we practice humbling ourselves before the Lord.

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Read Proverbs 1:7, 8:13, and 30:1-6 this week and take notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal:

- In Proverbs 1:7, what does it mean to fear the Lord? What does it look like to despise wisdom and instruction? How are these things related to humility?
- In Proverbs 8:13 we see that God hates pride and arrogance. Since God hates pride and arrogance, how should we feel about the pride and arrogance in our own hearts?
- In Proverbs 30:1-6, why does Agur ask the questions he asks? How do these questions help us see certain characteristics of God? What are some of these characteristics?
- According to Proverbs 30:1-6, how does man compare with God? Knowing this truth, does man have anything to boast about?

Read and meditate on Proverbs 1:7, 8:13, and 30:1-6 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder the truth that God opposes the proud. Does the pattern of your daily life put you in a position of God opposing you or being for you? What do you need to change in order to position yourself so that God is for you?
- Consider the things you feel most tempted to boast about or in. How can you begin to boast in the work that God has done and is doing in you?
- Ponder your pursuit of wisdom. Does this pursuit help you put on humility?



Spend time praying with your parents.

- As you pray together, ask God to help you identify the areas of pride in your life. Repent of them and seek to live humbly before the Lord.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to help you pursue Him in order to see Him rightly.



Memorize Proverbs 11:2 this week.

- Ask your parents or a friend to help you memorize the verse.
- In your journal make a list of the things you most often feel prideful about. Next, make a list of the things you feel insecure about. Talk through this list with your parents. Identify ways you might boast or build up yourself in these areas. Commit to focus on Christ instead so that you might walk humbly.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss ways you have believed the world's lie that pride in yourself helps you be true to yourself. Discuss ways to weed out this lie and live more fully for the Lord.