

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

BIG TRUTH: THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

Proverbs 1:29-31; 3:7; 8:12-14; 10:27; 19:23; 23:17-18; 24:21-22; 28:14; Ecclesiastes 8:12

BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 9:10

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight."

BIG IDEAS

- Wisdom is more than knowledge and experience.
- Wisdom begins with seeing God with awe, wonder, and reverence.
- Wisdom begins as God becomes the center and pursuit of our lives.

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 1:1-7; PSALM 111:10; ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14**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 what it means to fear the Lord. We will pray for a heart that seeks to grow in Godly wisdom as we practice pursuing God.

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Read Proverbs 1:1-7, Psalm 111:10, and Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. Make notes in your journal and use the questions below to better understand these passages:

- How does a person gain wisdom and instruction according to these verses?
- What does it mean to “fear the Lord”? What does it look like to “fear the Lord” in your daily life?
- In Psalm 111:10, what does the Psalmist mean when he says that those who practice fearing the Lord will have good understanding?
- What does Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 mean when it says that the “whole duty of man” is to fear God and keep His commands? How does this lead to wisdom?

Read and meditate on Proverbs 1:1-7, Psalm 111:10, and Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder what it means to have an awe and fear of the Lord. Does your life reveal that you have an awe of the Lord? How can you gain an awe of the Lord in your daily life?
- Consider what it means to pursue God and gain wisdom. How can you make God the center of your life every day?



Pray with your parents this week.

- Ask God to help you grow in wisdom by giving you an awe and fear of Him.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to help you practice pursuing Him daily so that you might grow in wisdom.



Memorize Proverbs 1:7 this week by writing the verse on an index card or putting it in your phone.

- Ask a friend or your parents to help you memorize it.
- Do a word study of the word “wisdom”. Use the concordance in your Bible to help you complete your word study. Write down any verses that stand out to you from your word study.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss some ways you pursue worldly wisdom over Godly wisdom. Ask your small group leader to help you identify areas of your life that are not fully submitted to God. Commit to submit your whole life to Him.