

**BIG TRUTH: WISDOM IS A PURSUIT**

Proverbs 2:1-5; 8:33-36; 9:9; 22:1-5; 28:5; Ecclesiastes 8:16-17

**BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 4:7**

*“The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.”*

**BIG IDEAS**

- Wisdom desires and values the pursuit of wisdom above everyday distractions.
- The desire for wisdom is a desire to know, love, and obey God.
- The pursuit of wisdom is work.

**BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 4:4-9; EPHESIANS 5:15-21****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 truth that the pursuit of wisdom is work. We will pray for a heart that earnestly desires to pursue wisdom and we will practice pursuing God and obeying Him.



**Read Proverbs 4:4-9 and Ephesians 5:15-21. Make notes in a journal and use the questions below to help you better understand the passages:**

- Read Ephesians 5:15-21. What does Paul mean when he tells the Ephesians to look carefully at how they are walking? What does it mean to walk in an unwise way?
- How does Paul explain the part that obedience plays in gaining wisdom in Ephesians 5:15-21? How is obedience to God's Word wisdom?
- Look at Proverbs 4:4-9. What does it mean to prize wisdom highly? How can we do this in our lives?
- What is the beautiful crown that wisdom bestows on a person who prizes her highly?

**Read and meditate on Proverbs 4:4-9 and Ephesians 5:15-21 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:**

- Ponder the distractions in your life that keep you from pursuing wisdom. Are there things that you are more focused on than pursuing wisdom? Are there things that you value more than getting wisdom?
- Consider the way you obey God's Word. Does this obedience reveal that you value wisdom and desire to grow in wisdom?
- Ponder how you can put in the work of growing in wisdom. Are you willing to daily pursue wisdom? Why or why not?



**Pray with your parents this week.**

- As you pray ask God to help you identify the things that you love more than you love pursuing wisdom. Repent of these things and commit to pursuing wisdom above all else.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to guide you to grow in wisdom by studying His Word daily.



**Memorize Proverbs 4:7 this week.**

- Ask a friend or your parents to memorize it with you. Write the verse in your phone or on an index card.
- Identify some of the things that distract you from reading and studying your Bible every day. Commit to setting aside time every day this week to read and study your Bible.
- Discuss with your small group leader some ways you can establish the habit of pursuing wisdom. Ask your small group leader to identify some areas in your life that lack full obedience to God. Commit to work on those areas this week.