

**BIG TRUTH: WISDOM BUILDS A SOLID LIFE**

Proverbs 4:11-12; 9:1; 12:7; Psalm 127

**BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 24:3**

*"By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established,"*

**BIG IDEAS**

- Everyone builds their life on a foundation.
- Wisdom builds its foundation on God's kingdom.
- Wisdom results in flourishing and thriving.

**BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 7:24-27****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 consider the truth that wisdom builds a solid life. We will pray for wisdom and practice building our lives upon God's wisdom.

## WISDOM BUILDS A SOLID LIFE



**Read Matthew 7:24-27 and make note in your journal of observations and answer the questions below:**

- Why does Jesus use the analogy of a person building his or her house on sand or rock to teach about wisdom?
- What does the sand represent in this passage?
- What does the rock represent in this passage?
- What does it mean to hear Jesus' words and not do them?

**Read and meditate on Matthew 7:24-27 this week. Use the following to guide your meditation:**

- Consider the foundation that you are building your life upon. Are you building your life upon the wisdom of God or the world? Do you hear God's Word and heed it or do you ignore it?
- Ponder the ways you seek God's kingdom. Are you pursuing the expansion of God's kingdom or are you building your own earthly kingdom?
- Consider your life. Is it flourishing and thriving according to Jesus' standards or the world's standards?



**Spend time praying with your parents this week.**

- Ask God to help you see the ways you are not building your life upon His wisdom. Pray for a heart that desires to see His kingdom expanded.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to help you build your life upon God's kingdom. Pray for eyes to see ways you can expand His kingdom.



**Memorize Proverbs 24:3 this week by writing the verse in your phone or on an index card.**

- Ask your parents or a friend to help you memorize the verse.
- Write down your plans for the future. Ask your parents to help you assess if your plans are built upon God's kingdom or if you are building your own kingdom.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss your hope and plan for your future. Ask your small group leader to help you assess if you are building your life upon God's kingdom or your own. Identify the things that need to change and commit to make the changes that need to be made.