

BIG TRUTH: WISDOM IS AN INVESTMENT

Proverbs 2:3-5; 7:1; 10:14; 12:27; 14:23-24; 17:16; Ecclesiastes 5:9-12

BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 23:23

"Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding."

BIG IDEAS

- The pursuit of wisdom comes at a price.
- The pursuit of wisdom is worth the cost.
- The pursuit of wisdom will yield a great reward.

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 8:12-21**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 investment we make in wisdom. We will pray for a heart that seeks to invest in wisdom no matter the cost as we practice pursuing wisdom.

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Read Proverbs 8:12-21 and make note in your journal of any observations and answer the questions below:

- Define the words prudence and discretion. What does it mean to dwell with prudence and to find knowledge in discretion?
- How are pride and arrogance the way of evil?
- Make a list of the things that wisdom has. What profit are these things to a person who wants to follow God?
- What profit is it that wisdom walks in the path of righteousness? How does this help a person live for God?

Read and meditate on Proverbs 8:12-21 this week and use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder the truth that the pursuit of wisdom costs us. Are you willing to pay the cost of pursuing wisdom? Why or why not?
- Consider the cost of pursuing wisdom. How have you changed your daily life in order to pursue wisdom? Have you found it worth it? Why or why not?
- Ponder the truth that wisdom yields an inheritance. Do you know you'll receive this inheritance?



Spend time praying with your parents.

- As you pray with them ask God to give you a heart that is willing to pursue wisdom no matter the cost.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to guide you to seek wisdom above all other things in your life.



Ask your parents or a friend to memorize Proverbs 23:23 with you this week.

- Spend time making a list of the activities and habits that you have to set aside in order to pursue wisdom as a way of counting the cost. Discuss with your parents the cost of pursuing wisdom and share with them some of the struggles you have in giving up some things.
- Discuss with your small group leader some of the reward you've experienced from pursuing wisdom. Share some of the benefits to your life you've seen from studying God's Word and praying.