

## Prayers and Proverbs

Week 1 8/30/20

### Who wrote Proverbs?

- Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs. He was one of the great kings of Israel, and God blessed him with great wisdom. (1 Kings 4:29-35)

### What is a Proverb?

- A proverb is a short memorable saying that is true. They were written in a style that would help someone remember God's important truth to live out.

### What does Wisdom mean?

- Wisdom is knowing the difference between what is right and what is wrong according to God.
- The words wise or wisdom was written in the book of Proverbs over **125** times!!

### Read: Proverbs 1:1-7

- **1** These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. **2** Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. **3** Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. **4** These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young. **5** Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance **6** by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles. **7** Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

### Questions:

- As you read verses 1-6, do you think we are born wise or do we become wise?
- What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?

### Answers:

- We aren't born wise; we have to become wise! Wouldn't it be great if we came into this world already loving God?! When we come into this world, we have to choose to listen to God so that we can follow Him.

- Knowledge is to have an understanding about information. Wisdom is taking that understanding and putting that understanding into practice.

**Activity:**

- This week, you have a bookmark you can color and decorate that you can use to mark your place in your notebook each week! You can also write a note to God. Ask Him to give you more wisdom and let Him know you appreciate Him!

**Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, I know that you know all things. I'm prone to making bad decisions, and I focus on short term things. Today I invite wisdom and knowledge from you. Give me clarity and teach me which way to go, AMEN.