



Sermon Discussion Questions

“Proverbs: A Curriculum to Cultivate Character and Transform Culture” (Proverbs) – May 3rd, 2026
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Sermon Overview

Main Idea

Each one of us, our culture, and our world needs wisdom. One way we find God’s wisdom is by engaging with the book of Proverbs. **Proverbs is a comprehensive vision of wisdom for our lives, relationships, and all of society.** It helps us see reality clearly and live in line with it. It is relevant to every culture because it is about God’s design for human life and flourishing.

Sermon Outline

1. The Beginning of Wisdom: Fear the Lord and Seek Wisdom (1–9)
2. Elementary Wisdom: A Portrait of the Wise and Righteous Life (10–15)
3. Intermediate Wisdom: Navigate the Complexities of Life (16.1–22:16)
4. Vocational Wisdom: Learn to Work, Lead, and Influence Society (22:17-24:34)
5. Advanced Wisdom: Leading with Personal and Public Justice (25–29)
6. Embodied Wisdom: Living as a True Human, as Men and Women (30–31)
7. Incarnate Wisdom: Trusting and Following our Savior and Sage

Quotation(s)

Peter Williams titled his book “The Surprising Genius of Jesus” – reflect on the truth of that title

“Jesus is the most brilliant person who’s ever lived. Jesus is an expert... on everything, and in every aspect of life and society. And he came to give us salvation - part of salvation is renewal into sages.” - Drew

Discussion Questions

Initial Engagement

- What is the main idea of the text, or what did the sermon focus on?
- What insight from the text or sermon stood out to you most, and why?

Deeper Reflection

1. Was there a particular sermon or section of wisdom from the above outline that stuck out to you the most, as we went through Proverbs?
2. The first section was about the beginning of wisdom. We see that the beginning of wisdom is simply this - fearing God and seeking wisdom. What practical ways are you doing this? Has God and his word become the source of your wisdom?



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3. The section on elementary wisdom contrasts wisdom and righteousness with foolishness and wickedness. What are some of the contrasts we see in the world regarding our speech, money, time, forgiveness, relationships, sexuality, etc.? How do we handle it when something is presented to us as wise, but (based on Proverbs) we know it is very foolish?
4. Intermediate wisdom helps navigate the complexities of life. What is something that you've originally viewed as black and white, that (by gaining more wisdom) you now view as somewhat gray/complex? What is something you've viewed as complex that has now become clear because of thinking/reflecting on God's word?
5. Vocational wisdom shows us the responsibility we have to influence every aspect of society – creating families, leading the military, serving in the government, fighting oppression, and leading in the courts. How do you see yourself getting into the fight in one of these areas?
6. Advanced wisdom is leading with personal and public justice. Share of a time where someone trusted you (or you trusted someone else) to lead or make a big decision, simply because they've demonstrated justice.
7. The sixth section is embodied wisdom regarding living specifically as men and women. What's a piece of advice that you've recently applied to your life regarding your womanhood or manhood?
8. Finally, incarnate wisdom shows us we need to trust and follow our savior and sage, King Jesus. Reflect on the notion that this wisdom isn't just for Christians. This knowledge, put into practice, would help our entire society – whether or not they are believers. How can we share this practical wisdom with non-believers rather than hoard it?

Final Response

- What is one thing you want to remember or one way you hope to change in light of this sermon or discussion?