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Sermon Discussion Questions

“Why Our World Urgently Needs the Wisdom of Proverbs” (Proverbs 1:1-7), 08-31-25

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Sermon Overview

Main Idea

Proverbs gives God’s wisdom to all who are humble enough to receive it. It is for the simple to become wise and the wise to become wiser. It is a God-given wisdom curriculum and the playbook for living life well.

Sermon Outline

1. The Proverbs: Wisdom Concentrate (v. 1)
2. The Purpose: Character Formation (vv. 2–3)
3. The People: The Simple and the Wise (vv. 4–6)
4. The Posture: The Fear of the Lord (v. 7)
5. The Process: Progressive Advancement

Quotation

The righteous are willing to disadvantage themselves to advantage the community.

—Bruce Waltke

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. How would you define wisdom?
2. What is meant by “the fear of the Lord”? What is its New Testament counterpart? Why is this posture essential for gaining wisdom?
3. List several characteristics of the wise among you. Note: Think in terms of all three aspects of character formation Drew mentioned (i.e., intellectual, moral, and practical.)
4. What attitudes or habits might be preventing you from becoming wise? How might you address these? What help might you need?
5. Why must Jesus be our focus as we seek to become wise?

Final Response

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