

Wisdom's Invitation (Proverbs 1:20-33)

Many of us go through life trusting our intuition and heading in the direction that makes the most sense at the time. What happens when our instincts are off and our intuition isn't enough? The book of Proverbs is a road map for life filled with divine wisdom, protection and guidance; it's a path everyone is invited to walk.

1. Wisdom is available to all (20-23)

- turn = repent
- the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Prov. 1:7)

2. Wisdom is ignored by most (24-32)

- the foolish bring destruction upon themselves (Jer. 6:16-19)
- wisdom is a matter of life and death

3. Wisdom is acquired by those who listen (33)

- both wisdom and folly cry out for our attention
- 1 Cor. 1:18-25 | Matt. 12:42 | Prov. 9:4-5, 16-17; 15:24
- walking in the way of Jesus = walking in the way of wisdom.

QUESTIONS (Pray, read the passage and pick 4-5 questions to discuss. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide.)

1. Read Proverbs 1:20-33. Why do you think Solomon chose to personify wisdom as a woman crying out at the crossroads of culture?
2. In Prov. 9, both folly and wisdom are portrayed as women calling loudly for our attention. How is the message of the world incredibly loud sometimes? How can we hear wisdom over that noise?
3. How is "turning" or repenting tied to the idea of finding God's wisdom?
4. If the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, how do we explain the people in the world who seem "wise" but give no thought to God?
5. What are some ways that your wisdom has deepened as you have learned to fear God?
6. It might seem harsh that God doesn't listen to the cries of the fool. Why is it just? And what would it take for a fool to be heard by God?
7. How might God use disaster in somebody's life to bring about humility and fear of Him? What are some ways we can show love and hospitality to people in those situations and point them to Jesus?