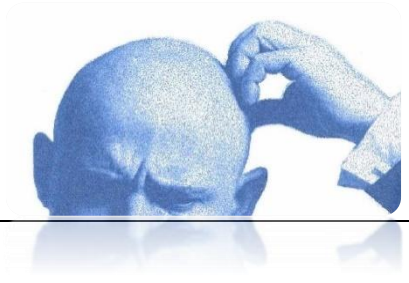


Wisdom Calls

Small Group Questions



*The following questions are intended to start conversations.
Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.*

Our preaching series this fall is on Wisdom. Questions will be provided each week to help you think about themes BEFORE you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming sermon.

- Read **Proverbs 8:1-11**. Wisdom calls out publicly and persistently in this chapter. What does this suggest about God's desire to make wisdom available to us? Where do you see wisdom calling out in your own life?
- What is significant about wisdom calling from the highest point (8:2)?
- Proverbs 8:6-9 contrasts truthful words with crooked or deceptive speech. Why is truthfulness such an important characteristic of wisdom?
- Wisdom claims to be more valuable than silver, gold, or jewels—the most precious thing we can desire (v. 11). Is it? How is this evident in your life?
- Proverbs repeatedly says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (see 1:7, 9:10). Here, fear of the Lord is described as hating evil (8:13). How are these two things related? What does it look like to “hate evil” but love our enemy (Matt. 5:43-44)?
- Read **Proverbs 8:22-31** which describes wisdom as present at creation and delighting in God's work. How should this shape our understanding of wisdom—not merely as knowing the right thing to do, but as participating in God's created order?
- Proverbs 8:35 says, “Whoever finds me [wisdom] finds life.” What do you think Proverbs means by connecting wisdom with life? Is wisdom primarily about making better decisions or is it ultimately about learning to live rightly before God?