



Lesson 1: Live Beyond a Bumper Sticker

Sept 13, 2009

Introduction to Proverbs

Devotional Seed:

What is wisdom, where does it come from and how do you get it?

Deeper Roots:

1. What is the difference between intellectual ability and wisdom?
2. Given what we know about the nature of Proverbs how can we interpret Proverbs 17:8. Does this proverb teach that we should use bribes? Why or Why not?
3. Is it contradictory to say that wisdom is God's gift, but we need to search for it? Prov 2:1-6
4. Some have seen that the description of wisdom in Proverbs 8:22-31 is an excellent description of Jesus. Do you agree? How do the two relate? How do they differ? (Refer to John 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:15-17)
5. Why do you think wisdom and folly are personified as women and not men?
6. Given that many fools probably think they are wise, how can we know if we are pursuing wisdom? (See Proverbs 12:15 and 14:12)

Bearing Fruit:

1. What does the pursuit of wisdom look like from a practical perspective? What sort of things can one do to pursue wisdom?
2. Are you facing a decision or situation that requires wisdom? Would you share that with the group?
3. What do you hope to get out of studying the book of Proverbs?
4. How will you as a group help each other pursue wisdom?

Branching Out:

This fall we are encouraging each group to be active in service outside the church. As a church we will be offering some service opportunities on Saturday October 3. Plan as a group to identify a service project or participate in one of the church wide projects.