



Sermon Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

Title: Are you Listening?

In Proverbs 4, the “Father” lovingly admonishes and teaches us to live well. To live well includes, living at peace (v16), not suffering because of foolish choices (v19), to experience healing (v22), and to have stability in our lives (v26.) The Father also tells us the means to this end, we must first get wisdom. We must truly *hear* (listen + obey) the Father’s instruction. This “wisdom” of course, coming as the Father’s instruction for living well, finds it’s fulfillment in Christ and the Gospel (the power and wisdom of God.) This sheds tremendous light on what it means to live wisely - to live a life worthy of our calling, or, to live in a manner consistent with the truth of the Gospel. Definitionally, we could say that wisdom is the truth or instruction needed to facilitate living in harmony with God’s creative and redemptive purposes. To live wisely is also echoed in our mission statement, *To live out the Gospel as we Gather & Go.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro: Who is someone in your life (past or present) that you would say is wise? Why? (what criteria, characteristic, or attribute informs your answer?)

What does this reveal about your operating definition of what it means to be wise?

READ Proverbs 4

1. What would you say is the main point of this chapter?
 - a. How do you know? (repeated words/themes)
 - b. How does this chapter relate to the NT counterpart of James, specifically, James 1:19-26 (hearing + doing the Word of God)
2. What is wisdom?
 - a. How do the following passages inform your definition? 1 Cor 1:18-31; Col 2:2-3; Mt 7:24
 - b. How would you contrast worldly wisdom with true, Biblical Wisdom?
3. What ingredients and benefits of wisdom do you see laid out in Proverbs 4?
4. What words of caution and warning are given in this passage (v14-19) ?
5. Practically, what does it look like for you to heed and grow by grace to walk in the good of the imperatives of v20-27?
 - a. 4:20-21. Hearing and treasuring the word of God (gospel / truth)
 - b. 4:22. Finding life and healing in the word of God
 - c. 4:21-23. Letting the word of God transform and guard your heart
 - d. 4:24. Letting the word of God inform your speech
 - e. 4:25-27. Letting the word of God direct your steps
6. How does Proverbs 4 exalt Jesus and the Gospel?