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LESSON 2: NAVIGATING GOD'S WAY

WELCOME

If your life were a “show-and-tell” (like in elementary school), what would people say really drives you?

WORSHIP

Read *Proverbs 3:9–10*. What would've been difficult about sacrificing your first-fruits in an agriculture-based society? How do we give our first-fruits in 2026? After discussing these questions, spend time in prayer asking God for faith and strength to live a sacrificial life for Him.

***Below are seven discussion questions/prompts. There's no pressure to cover every question. As a Life Group, feel free to choose the questions/prompts that you want to cover and use the rest for personal reflection and deeper study during the week.

WORD

1. What type of commands are repeated in *Proverbs 3:1–12*? Which one resonates the most with you and why?

2. Read *Proverbs 3:5*. According to this passage, what does it look like to “lean not on your own understanding”?

3. How is our understanding of *Proverbs 3:5* enhanced by *Deuteronomy 6:4-6* and *Luke 10:27*?

4. How is wisdom described in *Proverbs 3:11-20* and how can it reframe our perspective of difficult life seasons?

5. Based on *Proverbs 3:21–26*, how do we make wisdom our guide (verses 21–22) and how does wisdom guide us (verses 23–26)?

6. According to *Proverbs 3:27–30*, why is withholding good from others portrayed as failing to be wise instead of just being unkind?

7. Read *Proverbs 3:31–35*. Where do you currently feel pressure to make decisions or imitate behavior that contradicts God's wisdom? What are some habits, rhythms, and/or practices that can help us move wisdom from the theoretical into action?

WITNESS

Share about a time when trusting Jesus changed how you responded to a challenge. How might your story speak to the questions or struggles of people who aren't following Jesus? Who needs to hear your story?

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DEEPER STUDY FOR THIS WEEK

***This section is designed to help you continue reflecting on what you discussed in your Life Group. Hopefully, these questions and prompts will inspire you to listen to God, apply Scripture, and take your next step with Jesus. Work through them at your own pace, and invite the Holy Spirit to guide you as you draw closer to Him.

- Review any questions/prompts in the WORD section that your Life Group didn't get to, or ones you'd like to explore more deeply on your own.
- Read *Proverbs 3* in one sitting every day this week.
- Memorize *Proverbs 3:5–6*

- Wisdom in Temptation

Read **Matthew 4:1–11; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 6:11; 1 John 5:4; and James 4:7.**

- What do these passages collectively teach about the nature of temptation and spiritual conflict?
- How do these verses emphasize dependence on God rather than personal willpower or self-discipline?
- What recurring strategies does Scripture command when facing temptation?
- How does resisting temptation connect to the warning against being “wise in your own eyes” in **Proverbs 3:7?**
- According to these passages, what are Christians called to do and what are they warned not to do?

- Developing a Plan for Wisdom

Read **Proverbs 3**

- Identify areas where you are most tempted to rely on “self” rather than God.
- Name emotions, patterns, relationships, or situations that weaken trust.
- Find & list 10 verses from the Bible that speak directly to your area of struggle.
- Narrow your list to 3 to 5 verses that most clearly call you to trust & obedience.
- Begin memorizing those verses as a way of “binding wisdom to your heart” (**Proverbs 3:3**).