



groups | DISCUSSION GUIDE

Wise Up

WARM UP

What is your favorite “As seen on TV” item?

SET IT UP

We all want life to go well. We all have good intentions. But direction, not intention, determines destination. We need more than good intentions, we need good direction – the direction that comes from God himself. We need to see life from his perspective, and not trust in our own ways. Wisdom is the key ingredient to keeping yourself headed in the right direction.

CHAT IT UP

1. **How do you feel after doing something foolish (getting a speeding ticket, impulse spending, etc.)? Why do you think you feel that way?**
2. **How would you define wisdom?**
3. **On a scale of 1-10, how devoted are you to gaining wisdom? Why?**
4. Read Proverbs 4:1-9. **How would you describe the urgency in these verses when it comes to getting wisdom?** (Encourage your group to reread the passage quietly and point out some urgency-filled statements.)
5. **What do these verses say is at stake when it comes to gaining (or not gaining) wisdom?** (Have your group point out some statements again.)
6. **Mark gave three statements in regards to gaining wisdom: 1. Don't wait. 2. Don't swerve. 3. Don't waver. Which of these three are you more prone to?** (If anyone asks the difference between swerving and wavering - swerving is drifting towards wrong/foolish influences, wavering is drifting towards personal pride.)
7. **What do you need to change/adjust in your life in order to improve your pursuit of gaining wisdom? What practical step will you take to put that in place this week?**

WRAP IT UP

Wisdom is the ability to make good decisions, about what to do, about what not to do, about what to say, about what not to say, about when to take action, about how to take action. Wisdom is not a file we can download into our brains. There aren't any “get wise quick” schemes out there. Put the work and effort in today to gain wisdom that will last a lifetime.

LEADER TIPS

This is the perfect series to read the Bible together as a group! Parker Hill will be encouraging everyone to read the chapter of Proverbs that corresponds with the date every day for this entire series. Encourage your group to participate. Start a group text, facebook messenger group, etc. to keep each other accountable and share what you are learning.