

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker What's the weirdest thing you've ever eaten and what's the story that goes along with it?

- Read 2 Chronicles 1:7-12
 If you had been Solomon, how would you have answered God? Pastor Tom said that "Wisdom is literally the key to everything else that you want in life."
 Why does this make sense or seem hard to believe for you?
- 2. Talk about some times in your own life where you have either chosen to do the wise thing or perhaps made the wrong choice about wisdom. In hindsight, what could you, or should you have done differently? What lessons did you learn?
- 3. Read Proverbs 9:11-12 Pastor Tom (and God!) both say that wisdom will lead to a longer life. What are some ways that embracing Godly wisdom can actually accomplish that end? Who are some people who have been examples of this in your life?
- 4. Proverbs 3:35 says "The wise inherit honor, but fools are put to shame!" Pastor Tom related this to having a good reputation (honor). In our time of decreased civility and inability to relate well with those around us who may disagree on any of a thousand things, how important does it become to have a good reputation, especially when it comes to fulfilling Jesus' mission of reaching people? How could you see God using your good reputation to make a difference in reaching those around you?
- 5. Pastor Tom closed with the fact that "...wisdom is a choice." Take a couple of minutes and think about your priorities for 2019. You may still be doing great with your resolutions, or you may have re-embraced dark chocolate already, but where on that list is seeking Godly wisdom? If it isn't on the list, how can you begin to work towards it, and if it is, how can you move it closer to the top?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Read Proverbs 6

Day 2: Read Proverbs 7

Day 3: Read Proverbs 8

Day 4: Read Proverbs 9

Day 5: Read Proverbs 10



MESSAGE NOTES AND DISUSSION-PERSONAL GUIDES



"Wisdom's Benefits" [Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

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Proverbs 24:5— power comes from wisdom.
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Proverbs 15:24a—wisdom is a huge part of making better
• Proverbs 3:16-18—"long life""wealth""honor""make life pleasant" (foolish decisions make life)"wisdom can lead you safely through life" (helps us not do self things)"happy""life" (note I Timothy 6:).
Proverbs 4:12—wisdom helps us the obstacles and barriers that everyone experiences in life

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There are incredible benefits for seeing <u>life</u> from God's point of view (note Proverbs 9:12)... ...and there are very real negative consequences for choosing to <u>ignore</u> God's wisdom (note Proverbs 14:12). Wisdom's benefits are:

- Proverbs 24:14 wisdom nourishes...the real us...brings healing and wholeness...is a major source of hope...
- Proverbs 19:8; 4:8 wisdom is an engine for success in life.
- Proverbs 9:11 <u>time</u> management is a wisdom issue...and wisdom is the best way to live <u>better</u> and longer...
- Proverbs 24:5 <u>real</u> power comes from wisdom.
- Proverbs 3:35 wisdom helps...you have a positive reputation...
- Proverbs 15:24a wisdom is a huge part of making <u>life</u> better...
- Proverbs 3:16-18 "long life"..."wealth"..."honor"..."make life pleasant" (foolish decisions make life hard...)..."wisdom can lead you safely through life" (helps us not do self-defeating things)..."happy"..."life" (note 1 Timothy 6:19).
- Proverbs 4:12 wisdom helps us navigate the obstacles and barriers that everyone experiences in life...

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