



## DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Ice Breaker** Which subject was the most difficult for you to learn in school – Math, Science, English, History or some other course? Is it still hard for you today?

1. Pastor Tom indicated that it's difficult to determine what is true in our world of "endless chatter." How have you navigated the "endless chatter" you hear in the news, on social media, the internet and opinionated people? What does Proverbs 4:5 tell us about wisdom and how it's gained?
2. Read Proverbs 1:7, 2:6 and 15:14. How does feeding daily on God's truth help us gain wisdom and crave "healthy brain food"? Have you encountered people who Pastor Tom described as "being so 'open-minded' that their brains fell out"? What have you learned from observing them?
3. Craig Groeschel said, "Show me your friends, and I'll show you your future. The people you're hanging out with today are shaping the person you will become tomorrow." How is this truth explained in Proverbs 13:20 and 15:12? Describe a time you were lifted up or dragged down by others.
4. Read Proverbs 20:5, 18:15 and 19:27. What are the characteristics of a teachable person? What is gained when we listen and observe? How might memorizing God's Word regularly help the Holy Spirit have "something to work with as we navigate through life"? James 1:22-25 tells us about the importance of following through on what you learn. Recall a time you did this well.
5. Pastor Tom concluded that "God doesn't bless good intentions. He blesses wise choices." What good intentions have you neglected? What wise choice are you being asked to make and how might your group support you? Take time to pray together, asking God to help you make the right move toward wisdom.

## PERSONAL GUIDE

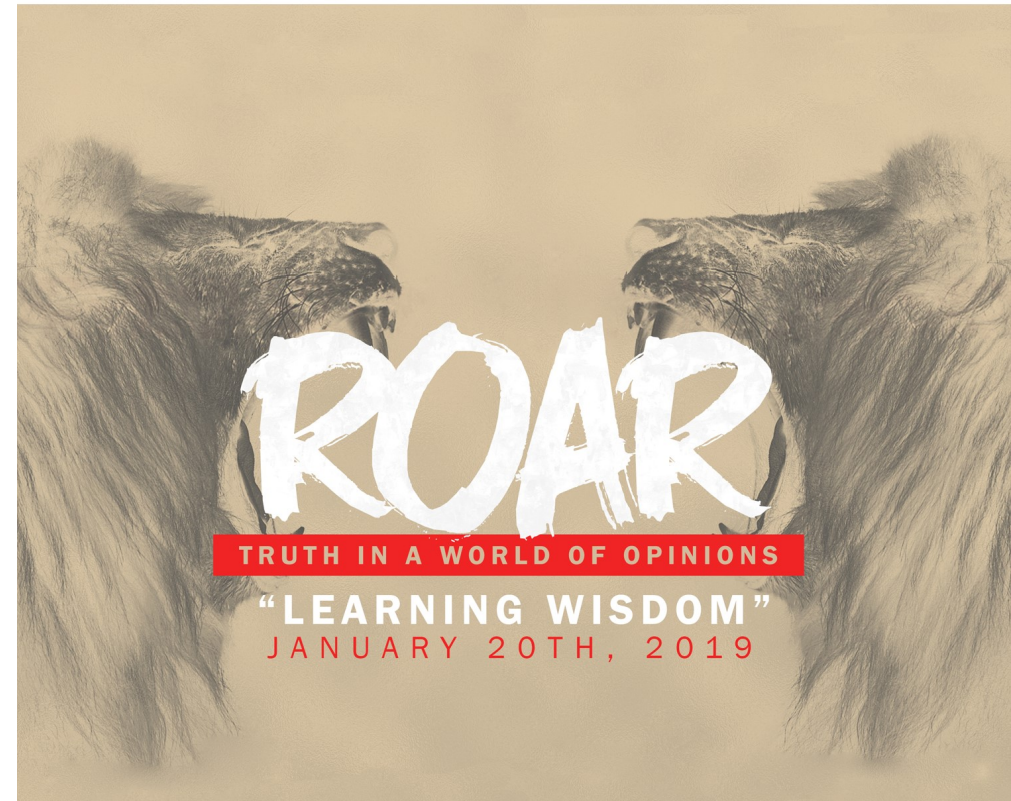
Day 1: Read Proverbs 11

Day 2: Read Proverbs 12

Day 3: Read Proverbs 13

Day 4: Read Proverbs 14

Day 5: Read Proverbs 15



## MESSAGE NOTES AND DISCUSSION-PERSONAL GUIDES



## **“Learning Wisdom”**

**[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]**

### **MESSAGE NOTES**

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how can we discern what is actually true?

...if wisdom has so many \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives, why don't we live more  
wisely?

It's easy to be i \_\_\_\_\_...

Wisdom has to be \_\_\_\_\_ (note Proverbs 4:5).

Wisdom = seeing life from \_\_\_\_\_ point of view.

So how can I learn to be wise?

#### **1. Daily \_\_\_\_\_ on God's Word**

*Note Proverbs 1:7; 2:6; 15:14*

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We can become so “open-minded” that our \_\_\_\_\_ fall out!

...we need to balance our spiritual diet with a daily consumption of God's truth (real  
“s\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_”)...

#### **2. Embrace Friends Who \_\_\_\_\_ Me (note Proverbs 13:20)**

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The \_\_\_\_\_ of the rest of your life will largely be determined by the people  
you choose to keep close to you.

Real friends \_\_\_\_\_ you up... (note Proverbs 12:15).

#### **3. Be T\_\_\_\_\_ (note Proverbs 20:5)**

This means you recognize you don't know everything, so you ask questions and will accept  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*Note Proverbs 18:15*

We don't learn when we s \_\_\_\_\_.

We learn when we l \_\_\_\_\_ (note Proverbs 19:27).

#### **4. U\_\_\_\_\_ What I Learn**

*Note Proverbs 22:17-18* = “listen...study...remember...\_\_\_\_\_”

Put God's truth in our minds and give the \_\_\_\_\_ something to  
work with as we navigate through life.

#### **5. P\_\_\_\_\_ What I Learn**

Not doing the truth isn't wisdom, it's \_\_\_\_\_.

*Note James 1:22-25*

***In a world full of opinions, God's wisdom and truth matter:***

- ...\_\_\_\_\_ is a choice.
- God doesn't bless good i \_\_\_\_\_.
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### **2. Embrace Friends Who Sharpen Me (note Proverbs 13:20)**

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### **3. Be Teachable (note Proverbs 20:5)**

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### **4. Underline What I Learn**

Note Proverbs 22:17-18 = “listen...study...remember...quote”

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### **5. Practice What I Learn**

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