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Seek Wisdom
Proverbs 2
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

*The fear
of the Lord
is the beginning
of wisdom,
and knowledge
of the
Holy One is
understanding.
Proverbs 9 : 10*



This week we will be looking at Proverbs Chapter 2. This chapter talks about true wisdom. There are many things in this world that claim to be wise and there are many people that claim to have answers. However, we will see in today's passage that true wisdom only comes from God. We must learn to discern the difference between the claimed wisdom of the world and the true wisdom of God.

Proverbs 2 (NASB)

The Pursuit of Wisdom Brings Security

2 My son, if you will receive my words
And treasure my commandments within you,
2 Make your ear attentive to wisdom,
Incline your heart to understanding;
3 For if you cry for discernment,
Lift your voice for understanding;
4 If you seek her as silver
And search for her as for hidden treasures;
5 Then you will discern the fear of the LORD
And discover the knowledge of God.
6 For the LORD gives wisdom;
From His mouth *come* knowledge and
understanding.
7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He is a shield to those who walk in integrity,
8 Guarding the paths of justice,
And He preserves the way of His godly ones.
9 Then you will discern righteousness and
justice
And equity *and* every good course.
10 For wisdom will enter your heart
And knowledge will be pleasant to your
soul;

11 Discretion will guard you,
Understanding will watch over you,
12 To deliver you from the way of evil,
From the man who speaks perverse things;
13 From those who leave the paths of
uprightness
To walk in the ways of darkness;
14 Who delight in doing evil
And rejoice in the perversity of evil;
15 Whose paths are crooked,
And who are devious in their ways;
16 To deliver you from the strange woman,
From the adulteress who flatters with her
words;
17 That leaves the companion of her youth
And forgets the covenant of her God;
18 For her house sinks down to death
And her tracks *lead* to the dead;
19 None who go to her return again,
Nor do they reach the paths of life.
20 So you will walk in the way of good men
And keep to the paths of the righteous.
21 For the upright will live in the land
And the blameless will remain in it;
22 But the wicked will be cut off from the land
And the treacherous will be uprooted from it.

🕯 EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. According to verses 4 and 5 what leads to fear of the Lord?

9. How do we find wisdom?

10. Where does wisdom come from?

11. What benefits do we gain from having wisdom?

12. Why do verses 16-19 warn of an adulteress?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What can you do this week to gain wisdom in your life?

14. How does the world make things appear to have wisdom that do not have wisdom?

15. How can we distinguish true wisdom from the deception of this world?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES