

Date of Sermon: October 11, 2020

Topic of Sermon: Cutting through the Noise: The Fear of the Lord

Main Passage: Proverbs 1:1-7

BEFORE your group meeting:

- **Participate in Worship** in-person or online to hear the sermon you will be discussing.
 - You can also catch-up on YouTube or at https://www.foresthill.org/en/on_demand
- **Encourage your group members** to watch the sermon and take a closer look at the Scripture that is used.
- **Look over the questions** provided below and think through your own responses.
- **Plan your meeting.** The Dig Deeper section is great to use in your group discussion (if there's time) or you can send it out to your group members after the meeting for their personal devotion time.
- **Pray for the Spirit** to use your group discussion to encourage dynamic life in Christ in each of you.

What's the Big Idea?

Foundational to accessing wisdom is the reverence for and trust in the Lord.

Get Started

1. Share with the group someone that you have learned a lot from in your life. What were they like? Why did you gain so much from this person?
2. Describe a time when you were really amazed by something or someone. Think about somewhere you visited or something that you witnessed. Why did it strike you as so amazing?

Dive into the Sermon

1. A proverb is a statement of counsel for practical living. Verse 1 is an introduction of the writer, and verses 2-6 introduce the entire book of Proverbs. What words describe the meaning of wisdom in these verses? How is it different than just pure information? How would you define wisdom according to God's Word here?
2. Verse 7 is the foundation of wisdom. Why is reverence and awe of God the beginning of knowledge or wisdom? How is this different than what our culture may teach as the foundation for wisdom? What are some examples of how you see being in awe of God as the start of wisdom? How might we easily lose focus of this truth?
3. What do you need to change in order to have the awe of God primary in your life? What are some practices you can do to help you grow in reverence for God?

Dig Deeper into a Scripture Passage

Use the HEAR Bible Reading Method to learn more what the Bible teaches us about joy.



Bible-Reading Tip: Begin by asking God to open your eyes and hearts to His Word. In 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, Paul writes that the Spirit – who lives inside everyone who believes in Jesus – knows the depths of God and reveals Him to those who follow Jesus. So, always begin your time of reading the Bible with a prayer for Him to open your eyes and ears to what He will reveal. This doesn't mean that you will always have an emotional encounter or a special revelation, but you are acknowledging that He is that One through whom all wisdom is revealed.

Proverbs 1:1-7

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

For learning wisdom and discipline; for understanding insightful sayings;

for receiving prudent instruction in righteousness, justice, and integrity;

for teaching shrewdness to the inexperienced,

knowledge and discretion to a young man —let a wise person listen and

increase learning, and let a discerning person obtain guidance —for

understanding a proverb or a parable, the words of the

wise, and their riddles. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of

knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline.

HEAR Bible Reading Method

HIGHLIGHT the passage

- Underline any repeated words or key ideas you see.
- Note any questions you have about what you read.
- In 2-3 sentences, summarize what was said or what happened.

EXPLAIN the passage

- What was revealed about God? His character, desires, and/or actions?
- What was revealed about people? What we are/do or what we should be/do?

APPLY the passage

- From this reading, what truth do you need to embrace?
- By God's power, how will you THINK, SPEAK, or ACT differently based on what you read?

RESPOND to the passage

- Talk to God about what you've seen and learned in this passage.
- Ask Him to help you apply the truth to your life.