



## Community Group Lesson Plan • Abbotsford

### **Title of Sermon: Wisdom and Her Benefits**

Passage: Proverbs 2:1-17 NIV

#### **Intro -**

1. What are your favourite proverbs? What were the ones that your parents told you? How have they proven to be true in your life? What proverbs do you tell your children and friends?
2. Are proverbs always true or just generally true? Discuss.
3. Can you think of Biblical proverbs that aren't always true?

#### **Sermon Points -**

1. Embrace Wisdom
  - a. Read 1 Kings 3:5-12. If God were to give you anything you asked for, what would it be? What do you think of what Solomon asked for?
  - b. Proverbs from the book of Proverbs are from a parent to a child. What cultural forces stop us from listening to the wisdom of the older generations? Are the cultural forces the same in the West as they are in the East for listening to older generations?
  - c. Can you give examples of when an older person's Godly advice was a great benefit to you? How did you benefit? Have you given Godly counsel to younger people? How did they respond? Why do you think they responded this way?
2. The Results of Embracing Wisdom
  - a. Read Proverbs 2:9. When you are faced with difficult ethical questions, do you find that you know instinctively what the right, just, and fair path is? Why or why not?
  - b. In verse 11, what does discretion protect you from and understanding guard you from? (Read Proverbs 2:12-19)
  - c. Why do you think it is so hard to choose to listen to Godly wisdom, and so easy to listen to wicked men (verse 12) and the adulterous woman (verse 16)?

#### **Wrap Up and Prayer**

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

#### **Benediction - Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV**

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*