

# Small Group Discussion 9/26/2021

## *Understanding the World*

Proverbs 1

### Getting Started

- "Proverbs are not promises, they are principles." True or not true? Isn't God's Word true?

### Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
  - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
  - Pay attention to the main Facts of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
  - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
  - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
  - What is the main truth of the passage?
  - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
  - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
  - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
  - How should you respond based on what you learned?

### Discussion

- What are common secular proverbs that we know are not necessarily true statements?
- Do you find yourself leaning toward a pattern of behavior or thought that allows you to be within a sphere of influence yet you know this is not God's best (Prov 1:14-19)?
- Are we engaged in thought processes or behavior that will ambush our life?
- Do we find ourselves angry and upset with God or others when it was our own choice that caused our misfortune?
- What were the three examples given with biblical support to describe why bad things happen? Do you agree with these categories? Are there more or is there another perspective?
- Discuss the two invitations set before us at the end of Proverbs 1.
- Are we really "good people?"