

# Small Group Discussion 10/03/2021

## *The Benefits of Wisdom (sermon by Dr. John Martin)*

Proverbs 2

### Getting Started

- What are some examples of worldly wisdom that don't accord with Scripture?

### 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

- Dr. Martin had a handout that described the four kinds of "Fool" in Proverbs: naïve (uncommitted, open and aimless), scoffer (committed AGAINST wisdom), fool type "a" (insensitive to wisdom), and fool type "b" (hating wisdom). Which type do you encounter most in life? Which is the most problematic?
- Dr. Martin gave examples of people who are godly in many regards, but not yet in ALL regards. What are some areas where you or people you love are still internalizing wisdom, becoming more guided by wisdom?
- Dr. Martin contrasted two views of the "Will of God." One view holds that God has a specific will concerning specific choices of otherwise equal alternatives (job, spouse); the other view (Dr. Martin's) is that God's will concerns obedience in specific matters as spelled out by Scripture. Can you recall some of those specific matters?
- What are some things that become repulsive to us as wisdom is increasingly internalized?