



Truth! Wisdom for Flourishing People  
How do you become wise?  
Proverbs 1:1–7

Life throws at us all kinds of situations that cannot be solved easily. We're in need of more than just simple solutions. We have complex problems that require greater insight and understanding. The reason we need this is because these problems stand in the way of flourishing. What we need is wisdom for flourishing. We are in need of truth, truth that can guide us to solve complex everyday problems. Where best to turn than to Truth—the Wisdom of Scripture.

Wisdom is revealed. See it. Wisdom is relational. Trust it. Wisdom is received. Welcome it.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

Proverbs 1:1–7

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

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction,  
to understand words of insight,
- 3 to receive instruction in wise dealing,  
in righteousness, justice, and equity;
- 4 to give prudence to the simple,  
knowledge and discretion to the youth—
- 5 Let the wise hear and increase in learning,  
and the one who understands obtain guidance,
- 6 to understand a proverb and a saying,  
the words of the wise and their riddles.

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- When was the last time you were in a life situation where you thought to yourself, “I need wisdom?” What was that situation, and what kind of wisdom did you need?
- How do you define wisdom? How does that definition compare to Proverbs’ definition?
- The thesis or guiding principle of wisdom in Proverbs is found in verse 7: “the fear of the Lord is beginning of wisdom.” What is the “fear of the Lord?”
- Pastor Dustin said that wisdom is revealed. How is wisdom revealed to us?
- Pastor Dustin described Jesus as “the wisdom of God,” something Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:22–25. Turn there and read this passage. According to Paul, how is Jesus the wisdom of God?
- Pastor Dustin also said wisdom is received, and that wisdom is received by the Holy Spirit. Why is the Holy Spirit necessary to receive the wisdom of God?
- Paul answers how the Holy Spirit gives us the wisdom of God in 1 Corinthians 2:12–16. Read this passage. What is the connection between Jesus and the Holy Spirit? How does this connection help us understand how the holy Spirit gives us the wisdom of God?
- How does it make you feel to know that God will give you the wisdom you need for any life situation?
- Pastor Dustin challenged us to get in the Word so that the Word gets in us. How is receiving the wisdom of God connected to the reading of his Word?
- How are you reading the Scriptures? How is it helping you receive the wisdom of God?