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Message Based Questions to help your personal Study & LifeGroup Discussions

 **CONNECTING:** *Connecting to one another with a warm up question or through worship.*

What is the difference between being smart and being wise?

How can you be both?

How can you be one without the other?

 **EXPLORING IT:** *Review the sermon outline and explore the message by using the following Q's which will help you dig in a little deeper and make sure you get the message.*

*The mission of the church is to transform the world through the life-changing message of Jesus for the glory of God.
By loving God, loving God's people and then loving the world.*

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Where does the world look for wisdom? Is wisdom something folks are after these days? What are some things that folks tend to pursue instead of wisdom?

Who was Solomon? What is your favorite passage or writing from Solomon? Why?

What is a Proverb? What is your favorite? Why?

Please read Proverbs 1:7—What does “the fear of the Lord” mean?

Why is the fear of the Lord considered to be the foundation of wisdom?

Have you personally experienced and/or observed this truth in your life?

What's the difference between the spiritual fear of divine punishment and the lasting, heavenly fear of God?

Why is it that we sometimes try and explain away the fear of God in Scripture?


Fearing God means respecting His power and control over our lives—Why is this kind of respect a good starting point for gaining wisdom?

Why is it foolish to treat wisdom and discipline lightly?

Do you consider yourself a pursuer of wisdom? Why or why not?

How can you pursue truth and wisdom more regularly?

How can we pray for you?

 **PRAY IT:** *Now that you have connected, explored and applied it—it is now time to tap into the power of prayer individually throughout the week as well as corporately praying for one another. Perhaps by sharing the real life challenges and blessings with one another this will help people see what God can do in their lives and will lead them into a plan of action.*

More Food for thought

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding Psalm 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding Proverbs 9:10

But he stands alone, and who can oppose him? He does whatever he pleases. He carries out his decree against me, and many such plans he still has in store. That is why I am terrified before him; when I think of all this, I fear him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me Job 23:13-16

"Should you not fear me?" declares the Lord. "Should you not tremble in my presence?" Jeremiah 5:22

Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling Psalm 2:11

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever Psalm 19:9

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him Psalm 33:8

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD Psalm 34:11

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name Psalm 86:11

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man Ecclesiastes 12:13

Psalm 25:10-14

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Who are they that fear the Lord?

He will teach them the way that they should choose.

They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land.

The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

Fear of the Lord is not only the beginning of wisdom. According to Scripture, the proper fear of God is also the end as part of the consummating gift of salvation. This kind of fear leads to wholeness, love, and freedom from self-indulgence, rather than groveling servitude.

Keep Pressing On!

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