



Pastor Jeff 7-10-16

Message Based Questions to help your personal Study & LifeGroup Discussions

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

When would you say you have been or felt most alive in your walk? Why? Can you please describe.

What is the best thing that has happened to you this week?

 **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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In describing your life as a path—Has your path been straight or crooked? Bumpy or smooth? Dangerous or peaceful? Other...?

Have you ever lost focus and been distracted or chosen to get off the path? How did you get back on?

What is the difference between asking for forgiveness and truly repenting? Why is that important?

Describe a time when your thought you were taking a short cut in your life, only to discover that it led to a dead end.

“Our lives are simply a culmination of our single steps—and every step matters.” How have you seen this truth play out in your life?

Who other than God, do you choose to help guide you on this walk of life? How has this person guided you?

What are some effective practices or disciplines that you have found to be helpful to you to stay on the path?

When and how do you feel most closely connected to Jesus?

How has our speedy and shallow culture affected your pursuit of staying on God's path?

How have you experienced the benefits and joys of staying on the right path with God?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6—What does it mean in your life to follow these 3 steps to wisdom? What are some examples of how you have trusted God with all your heart? What about an example of not leaning on your own understanding? How do you acknowledge God?

Where do you think the path you are currently on will take you? Why? Or Explain.

What is keeping you from fully submitting to God? How can we help?

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



In Proverbs we find the words *path* or *way* almost 100 times. Wisdom is a way of life. Wisdom is a path that folks choose to follow. At the same time the *fool* makes a decision to follow a completely different course in life. A way of life that leaves God's instruction out of the decision making process.

At the heart of the book of Proverbs is a wisdom that is God himself.

The framework for the proverbial wisdom found in Proverbs is a world ordered by God.

“Apart from God there is no true insight into the world. God is the only source of true wisdom. The theme of the fear of the Lord reverberates through the whole book. After all, if wisdom depends on understanding the world correctly, how can that be achieved if one does not acknowledge that God himself is a fundamental part of the cosmos? Everything must be understood in relationship to Yahweh himself.”

As we read and study the book of Proverbs we will learn and likely laugh about ourselves. If we have courage, we will apply the wisdom of God to our lives and us with our Life Groups. The result will be that God will bless us as we live life as he intended it to be lived. I hope and pray that you enjoy our journey as we discover what Proverbs has to teach us about walking on the path of wisdom.

Keep Pressing On!

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