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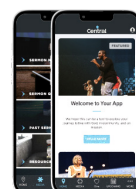
BIG IDEA: A life of wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord. Wisdom isn't just about WHAT we do; it's rooted in WHO we pursue.

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Proverbs 1:1-7
John 14:26
Proverbs 3:6
Proverbs 4:13

James 1:22-24
Matthew 7:24-27
1 Corinthians 1:30

1. Have you ever made a decision that seemed like a great idea in the moment but left you saying, "What was I thinking?" Looking back, what do you wish you'd done differently—and what did you learn from it?
2. Proverbs teaches that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." When you think about "fearing" God, what comes to mind? How does understanding it as awe, reverence, and trust instead of terror change the way you relate to Him?
3. *Read the description of wisdom in Proverbs 1:20-33.* Wisdom is pictured as a woman planted "out in the open" hollering to those who pass by. Interestingly, she's not standing in a church, a courthouse, or a school. What does that tell us about the accessibility and practicality of God's wisdom? Where in your own everyday life do you need wisdom?
4. You can't follow wisdom you haven't heard. How do you make space in your life to listen to God's voice through Scripture—and what keeps you from listening at times? What has God been saying to you lately through His word or His Spirit?
5. Wisdom isn't just about knowing; it's about doing. Can you think of a moment when you actually lived out a truth from God's Word—and saw it change your response or your circumstances?
6. Read Jesus' words in Matthew 7:24-27. Is there a truth from Scripture you know but are failing to obey? What is keeping you from not only hearing, but also heeding God's word? What would help you move from knowing to doing?
7. Ephesians 5:15 says, "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise..." How does seeing wisdom as a way of living—not a list of rules or a final destination—shift your understanding of what it means to walk with God?
8. *"The decisions we make today determine where we'll find ourselves tomorrow."* What kind of story do you want your steps to tell—and what choices today will move you in that direction? What's one small act of obedience or faithfulness God might be inviting you to take right now?



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