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Message Title: WISDOM

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This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.

Key Points

Brian talked about Proverbs - wise sayings from the Bible. Many of those sayings have made their way into our cultural language. Here's a quick quiz:

Are these sayings in the Bible - or not?*

- God helps those who help themselves.
- This too shall pass.
- Money is the root of all evil.
- Hate the sin, love the sinner.
- Cleanliness is next to godliness.
- God helps those who help themselves.
- Everything happens for a reason.

1. Read the following verses:

James 1:5-6
1 Kings 3:5-14
Proverbs 4:7
Proverbs 9:10

What do you think these verses are saying about wisdom?

You might also look through the Proverbs and meditate and discuss other verses about wisdom – they are not hard to find!

2. Share about a person who has had a powerful impact on your life. Do you consider them to be a wise person? What qualities made them wise?

3. Let's assume we all agree that wisdom is an important component for a fulfilling life. However, if we're honest, there are plenty of other things that we often build our lives upon. What are some of those things? What has that thing been for you?

4.	Brian gave us this definition of Wisdom: The ability to see past the details to the big picture and then apply the big picture to the details. Based on that definition, how would you rate your level of wisdom?
5.	<p>WATCH THE VIDEO</p> <p>Proverbs 4:7 says “The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom! Though it cost all you have, get understanding.” Brian shared on Sunday about his “pursuit” of Susan, his wife. What have you pursued with passion? What impact has that pursuit had on your life?</p>
6.	As you look over the course of your life, what experiences helped you to gain wisdom? How did that impact your subsequent decisions?
7.	Between Sunday morning and the follow-up video, Brian mentioned several things we can do to gain wisdom, including reading the Bible, spending time alone to listen to God, and having spiritual friendships, reading books, listening to podcasts and spending time with wise people. Do you do any of these things regularly. What other consistent practices are in place in your life that help you grow in wisdom?
8.	What one thing can you do this week that will help you grow in wisdom? Share your thoughts, and agree to hold one another accountable by praying for each other, encouraging each other through the week, and checking in at your next meeting! Remember - it's a journey!
9.	<p>Be sure to pray for each other, and pray specifically that you would each grow in wisdom this week.</p> <p>*NONE of those sayings are in the Bible!</p>

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