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PROVERBS

LIVING WISELY
ACCORDING TO PROVERBS!

Lesson 1

Be wise

Ice Breaker (in groups):

1. Who is the best cartoon character ever? Why?
2. Two sons go fishing. They each catch 1 fish. The total number of fish caught is 3. How is this possible?
3. You have 2 hourglass timers. One is a 7 min timer and the other is an 11 min timer. You want to boil an ostrich egg for exactly 15 min. How do you do it?
4. The best advice ever given to me was...

Overview- Discuss Solomon and his wisdom

I. Big Opening Statement (Prov. 1:7)

- A. WISDOM is the ability to apply knowledge to life
 - kind of like comparing common sense to just knowing lots of facts
 - *anyone can learn knowledge, but being able to use that knowledge is totally different
- B. How do we gain wisdom?
 1. Studying GOD'S WORD
 2. The HOLY SPIRIT
 3. Learning from SUCCESSES and FAILURES
 4. Learning from OTHERS who are wise

Question: Why is wisdom better than knowledge?

Question: What do all of the above have in common?
-they all take time and are ever increasing

Question: So what do you think Prov. 1:7 means when it says "fear of the Lord"?
-we must submit to God and have respect for God, knowing wisdom comes from Him

Question: In most people's lives, who do we show that we fear the most?
-people...we focus so much of our attention worrying about what they will think

II. Benefits to Growing in God's Wisdom (Isaiah 55:8-9)

A. God sees the BIG PICTURE

- *God knows the possible outcomes
- *God knows other people's hearts and our own hearts
- *God knows what's happening behind the scenes

B. God never CHANGES, always seeking to better His children

- *the world changes time after time, seeking whatever will please itself

C. God doesn't tell us what we WANT to hear, He tells us what we NEED to hear

Question: How is seeking God first for wisdom different than seeking others first?

- God is perfect; He seeks our best interest; He is honest

*Pray in groups. Take requests including how the group can pray for what we learned.

Take it Home

Questions to Think About:

1. In your life, who or what do you fear the most? Is it your reputation? Is it the people at school?
2. How would your life look different if you truly feared God?
3. Complete this sentence: In order to gain wisdom, I need to...

Proverbs Reading:

- *This week, read Proverbs 1, 2, 8, and 9.
- *Take your time, carefully reading through each verse.
- *Highlight/underline key verses that stand out to you.
- *Take it deeper- keep a journal about what you learn!