



Wisdom for  
a New Day

## WEEK 2 | LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### CONNECT

- As a kid, what did you consider your most valuable possession (toy, bike, article of clothing, trading cards, etc.)?

### CONSIDER

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

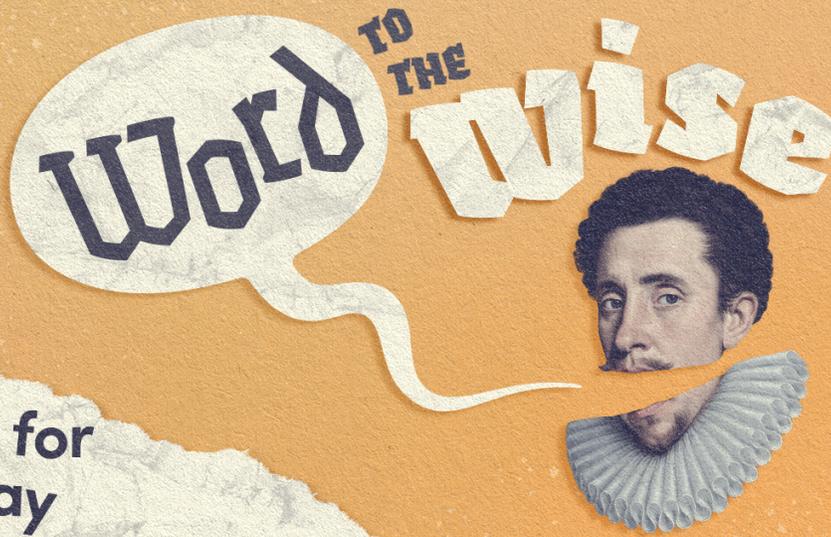
### CHRIST

Read Proverbs 4:3-7 as a group.

- Solomon starts this chapter by talking about his dad (David) passing down wisdom to him. **In your own family, how has wisdom been passed down through generations? Identify good or bad examples? What specific words, teachings or rules were communicated? How do you want to pass on wisdom to the next generation?**

Read Proverbs 4:10-14 & 20-27 as a group.

- What words or phrases resonate with you from these verses? Why?
- Multiple times in these verses Solomon talks about walking a path unhampered without stumbling (v. 12) and on straight and level ground (v. 11, 26). In your own words, **what does it look like to be on an unhampered, straight, and level path spiritually? How about a path of stumbling, zigzagging, and unlevel?**
- Staying on the path of pursuing godly wisdom comes from fixing our gaze on God (v.25). This is how we walk in wisdom guarding our hearts as a well-spring of life. **How does our gaze determine the content of our soul? Why do you think it is so easy to lose our focus?**
- Solomon says that we are to guard our hearts above all else. **Why do you think he places such value on this one thing (guarding your heart)?**
- What's inside us will eventually come out (good or bad). When it's bad, we often place blame on something or someone. While they may have been the catalyst, the problem is



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that what came out was already inside in the first place. **How does this change the perspective of guarding your heart? What are you intentionally doing to guard your heart?**

**Read Proverbs 5:1-14 as a group.**

- In the passage, Solomon begins offering wisdom against adultery in marriage. To take it a step further, the same principles can be applied to spiritual adultery in our relationship with God. **With that in mind, what do you learn about avoiding temptations, guarding against sin, and the benefits of a God honoring life? What words or phrases resonate with you and your faith journey?**
- The problem isn't what sin promises, but that it cannot deliver. It is lying to us, and that only leads to a life of regret. From this passage we learn a valuable spiritual lesson in that discipline is choosing between what you want now and what you want most. **How does this truth challenge or encourage you? Why do you think our actions tend to favor the pain of regret over the pain of discipline?**
- Think of an area of your life where the decisions you are making now could have a significant impact down the road. **Are you seeking godly wisdom? Are you taking the easy or disciplined road? As a group, how can we be specifically praying for each other?**

### CALLING

- Avoiding regret, begins with asking not acting. This week, anytime you make a decision ask yourself this question, "In light of my past experience, my current circumstances, and my future hopes and dreams, what is the wise thing to do?"
- To continue having The Best Summer Ever, check out these suggested resources at [mynorthside.com/bestsummerever](http://mynorthside.com/bestsummerever).
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text JOINGOD to 81411 or use the Study tab in Northside's App for Daily Devotions.
- **Memorize:** "Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways." Proverbs 4:25-26
- **Further Study:** Begin the Wisdom reading plan (Proverbs & Ecclesiastes) from *The Best Summer Ever* resources.