



Wisdom for  
a New Day

## WEEK 3 | LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### CONNECT

- Growing up, what was a memorable or funny experience with your family?

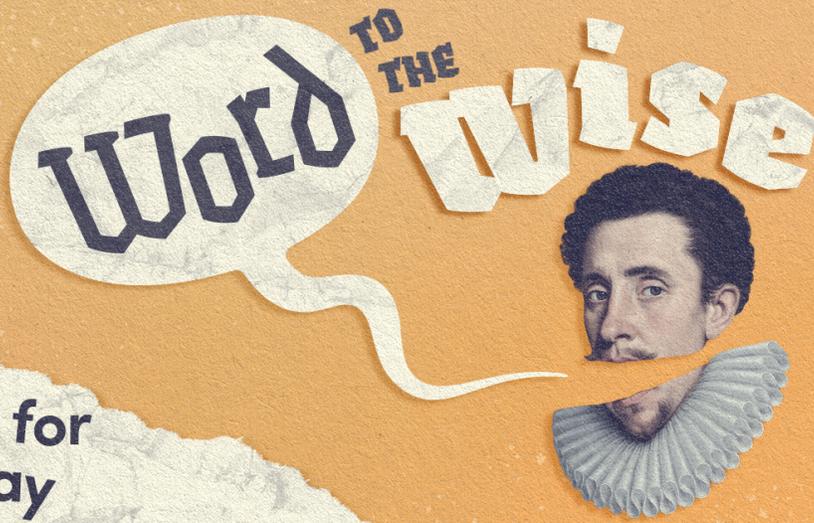
### CONSIDER

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

### CHRIST

Read Proverbs 22:6 & 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 as a group.

- Training comes in two forms. Training as children of God and training others to become children of God. Whether this is with ourselves, kids, or someone you are discipling, we struggle with the discipline of training. **Why do you think we struggle with training? What words resonate with you from these passages (as a child of God or training others to be children of God)?**
- Training is all about instilling values. When it comes to values, we tend to adopt what's modeled to us while growing up. Godliness is often more caught than taught. That's why it is important to think through what values and how you're passing them to your children, a younger generation, or someone young in faith. In fact, this is one of the biggest themes of Proverbs. **Read the following passages as a group: Proverbs 12:21, 13:20, 15:1, 16:18, 18:24, 22:1, 22:3, & 27:17. What are the values found in each passage? How would you paraphrase and/or model these values to children/grandchildren, a mentee, friends, co-worker, etc...?**
- Training and being responsible for helping others *catch* godliness is intimidating. The good news is that we are not alone in the process. God promises His Spirit to guide you (John 14:16-17), intercede for you (Romans 8:26-27), and inspire training (1 Timothy 3:16). **How has God helped you guide, train, and encourage those under your care?**



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As a group, read Proverbs 3:27; 15:23, 15:30; Ephesians 4:29, and Hebrews 10:24-25.

- Training isn't just about discipline. It's also encouraging yourself and others to continue pursuing the goal and celebrating wins along the way. That primarily happens through the power of words. **What do these verses teach us about the power of our words in the context of parenting and/or influencing those around us? Write your group's answers down.**

**Based on what you wrote down from these verses, how would you rate your use of words to encourage and influence others?**

- **Can you think of a parent, leader, mentor, or friend who has spoken words of encouragement into your life? If so, what were those words, and how did they impact your life?**
- Training and encouragement go hand in hand as we lead others. **How do you need to be more intentional about your personal training (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)? How do you need to be more intentional about training others (Proverbs 22:6)? Who do you need to intentionally encourage this week (Hebrews 10:24-25)?**

## CALLING

- Don't let the final questions go unanswered. Ponder and pray over your answers. Then, go and live them out.
- 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:** "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." – Proverbs 6:22
- **Further Study:** Wisdom reading plan (Proverbs & Ecclesiastes) from the *Best Summer Ever* resources.