

Community Groups

Sermon Discussion Guide

July 5th, 2026 | The Way of Wisdom

Opening Question:

Think of the wisest person you've ever known personally. What made them wise — and how did you know it when you saw it?

Setting the Scene:

Proverbs is one of the most practical books in the Bible. It describes what a wise life looks like in every area of daily living. But the sermon made a crucial point: Proverbs alone cannot save us. We need a better King. Solomon received wisdom, but Christ is wisdom. Reading Proverbs and missing Christ misses the point entirely. The sermon defined wisdom as the God-given ability to apply God's Word to everyday life and showed us four kinds of people, each in a different relationship to wisdom. The question isn't just "how can I be wiser?" but "how does Christ our King produce genuine wisdom in me that I could never produce in myself?"

Read The Text: Read aloud in this order (You can assign different readers for each): Proverbs 9:10, Proverbs 4:7, James 1:5, Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 26:11–12, Proverbs 9:7–9, 1 Corinthians 1:24, Matthew 12:42.

What Does it Say?

1. What word or phrase stood out to you when we read these passages? Why do you think it caught your attention?
2. What relation do you see between the beginning of wisdom in Proverbs 4:7 and Proverbs 9:10? How are they different, yet the same?
3. Look at Proverbs 13:20. What does this tell us about what wisdom requires of us practically?

What Does it Mean?

1. The sermon described four kinds of people (the naive, the fool, the scoffer, and the wise) and what happens when you correct each one. Look at the four responses: the naive won't understand you, the fool will ignore you, the scoffer will hate you, and the wise will thank you. What do those four responses tell us about the real obstacle to wisdom and where does that obstacle actually live?
2. How does Matthew 12:42 and 1 Corinthians 1:24 change the way we read Proverbs? What does it mean that Solomon received wisdom but Christ is wisdom?

What Does it Ask of Us?

1. The four types (naive, fool, scoffer, wise) aren't necessarily fixed identities. A person can move between them. Where do you most honestly see yourself right now, and in what area of your life are you most resistant to correction? What would it take for you to respond there like the wise person rather than the fool or scoffer?
2. Proverbs 13:20 says you will become like who you walk with. Looking at your closest relationships, are they moving you toward wisdom or away from it? What's one specific change that would bring you into closer proximity to wisdom?

Weekly Challenge:

This week, ask one person in your life (someone you trust) to honestly tell you which of the four types (naive, fool, scoffer, wise) they most often see in you when you receive correction. Don't defend yourself when they answer. Just listen, thank them, and bring what they said back to the group next week.