

## Small Group Leader & Personal Bible Study

### Memory Verse: Proverbs 1:7

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

**Discovery Bible Study Exercise:** In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out Proverbs 1:7
- Step #2: Re-write Proverbs 1:7 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out two or three things you discover from this passage?

**Daily Bible Meditation:** A Study of Wisdom from God given to King Solomon

- Day 1 – 1 Kings 3:1-15
- Day 2 – 1 King 3:16-28
- Day 3 – 1 Kings 4:29-34
- Day 4 – Proverbs 1:1-19
- Day 5 – Proverbs 1:20-33

### Lesson: Wisdom

1. Where does wisdom come from? What does Proverbs 1:7 teach us about receiving wisdom?  
**Wisdom comes from God. Solomon experienced first hand how asking for wisdom is something God can and will provide.**

Group leaders, to reinforce the receipt of wisdom from God, encourage people to demonstrate the practice of studying the scriptures. Therefore, ask them to share what they have learned from memorizing Proverbs 1:7 and ask them to share what they learned in the discovery Bible process. If people haven't done this step, I encourage you to stop and together ask each person to follow the steps spelled out in the discovery Bible study process. After everyone has completed this exercise, ask what they discovered from this passage and specifically what it teaches us about receiving wisdom.

2. What does it mean to have fear of the Lord?  
**Tim said the fear of the Lord means we gladly submit to the gracious majesty of God who is in control of all things. Get the group to respond to that comment.**

**Fear (Hebrew word: yir'ah) in this verse is interrupted a) fear, terror b) awesome or terrifying thing (object causing fear), c) fear (of God), respect, reverence, piety, d) revered. Which meaning do you most relate to your understanding of God?**

3. What is preventing you from gladly submitting to the gracious majesty of God who controls all things? **People must confess what prevents them from submitting to God if they desire more of him. Help your group to deal with this issue by giving them opportunity to admit and become aware of the things that prevent them from that submission. Let go of control and admit that God is in control. It is time we all let Him do His work in us. Now that is wisdom.**

**Group Leaders:** Pray about this and then challenge your group to engage in these three ways of growing in wisdom that comes from God's word. Review with the group.

*Wisdom comes from God! God speaks to us through His word. Therefore it is right to say that wisdom comes from learning God's word. Each week we provide for you three ways to receive wisdom if you will apply these principles.*

- Memory Verse:** Study it, meditate on it, and memorize it each day of the week. Write it out, post it in various places, quote it, and think on it throughout the day. Wisdom will come through memory as God reminds you of His truth during everyday encounters.*
- Discovery Exercise:** Following the discovery Bible study steps will not only help you memorize but also allow you to think on the verse in a way that begins to allow the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth from His word, which in turn will teach you and guide your life.*
- Daily Meditation Reading:** As you take in God's word on a daily basis you begin to know God better and His wisdom is transferred to you through the working of His Holy Spirit and you begin to understand His plan, purpose, and pleasure more and more.*