

Proverbs 1:1-7

Get Wisdom



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Proverbs 1:1-7

1. Proverbs 1:1-7 is the Prologue to the book or perhaps more precisely to the first nine chapters of the book. As you read it, what is wisdom? What are the concerns of wisdom?
2. What does it mean to “fear” the LORD?
3. At the heart of the Prologue are the words of 1:3a – “doing what is right and just and fair” or in the translation of the ESV “righteousness, justice, and equity”. Discuss these three important words. What do they mean?

The Scriptures – Proverbs 1:1-7

4. The “fear of the LORD” is a phrase found throughout the wisdom writings. See for example, Job 1:1 and Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. Is that phrase used by New Testament authors? How do they speak about trusting/reverencing/fearing the LORD? See for example, 2 Corinthians 5:7-10, Philippians 2:12-13, or Hebrews 12:28-29.
5. Jesus tells a parable about being wise in Matthew 7:24-27. What is the difference between wisdom and foolishness according to Jesus?
6. The letter of James says a lot about wisdom. Read and discuss James 3:13-18. What does it mean to be wise according to James?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Proverbs 1:1-7 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. What are some areas in your life in which you need wisdom? Discuss some challenges or difficulties that you are facing currently?
8. How are you trusting the LORD in these situations? How can we support you in prayer and friendship?