

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

June 15, 2014—Father's Day

Watch the video summary of the **June 15, 2014 sermon**, "The Disciplines of Wisdom." Read Proverbs 4.

Sermon Outline:

1. We honor our Father for the *heritage of wisdom* that he has established (4:1-9).
 - Good leadership means taking initiative.
 - A good father can instruct, but cannot impose. It's up to us to apply what we've been taught (v1-2).
2. We honor our Father for the *path of wisdom* he has distinguished (4:10-19).
 - A key aspect of biblical wisdom is the ability to distinguish between right and wrong, wise and unwise, safe and risky.
 - Wisdom helps us to determine the degree of importance for various issues in our lives.
3. We honor our Father for the *disciplines of wisdom* he has emphasized (4:20-27).
 - Disciplines of wisdom include the discipline of the heart (v23), the mouth (v24), the eyes (v25), and the feet (v26-27).
 - The earthly father is to point to the relationship with the Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions:

- Share stories and memories about your dad. In what ways did/does your dad reflect God's character as our Heavenly Father?
- What in Pastor Gary's sermon stuck out to you or had a special impact on you? Why?
- In your own words, what is *wisdom*? How can we "get" it (v5-7)?
- Solomon uses intimate terms to encourage the reader to pursue a relationship with "Lady Wisdom". Practically speaking, how would one go about loving, prizing, and embracing wisdom (v6-8)?
- What are the benefits of this relationship with wisdom?
- What contrasts does Solomon draw between the "way of wisdom" and the "way of evil" in v10-19?
- Verse 23 says, "Keep your heart with all vigilance." What does that mean?
- Proverbs is all about wisdom. 1 Corinthians 1:24 tells us that Jesus Christ is the power and wisdom of God. What does that mean?

Reflect on the gospel. Our Heavenly Father has provided salvation for us through the person and work of His only begotten Son, Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for such wondrous love and mercy.