



## PROVERBS CHAPTER 2 (FACILITATOR)

### **Discussion Starter**

- What is an irritating quality that you cannot stand in other people?
- What is an irritating quality that you have that you can't stand about yourself?
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Breaking it Down**

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

### **Tell the Story**

- PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.

### **Read the Story (Proverbs 2:1-22)**

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

### **Proverbs 2:1-5**

- Why do you think that Solomon uses words like "receive, treasure, incline, apply, seek, and search," when talking about wisdom, discernment, and understanding?

- Wisdom, discernment, and understanding don't just fall into an individual's lap. An individual must be willing to intentionally and diligently pursue these things and have a willingness to receive what God is offering and giving. An individual also must be willing to apply what God is saying in their own lives.
  - Consider the words, "receive, incline, treasure, apply, cry out, and search." Which ones do you have the most difficult time of living regarding God's wisdom and why do you think this is?
    - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

### **Proverbs 2:6-9**

- In what ways do you consider yourself to be skilled or wise? How does your skill and wisdom stack up against God's skill and wisdom? How does your life reflect that your skill and wisdom are nothing compared to God's skill and wisdom?
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- In verse 9, the phrase "good path" means "cart tracks" or "wagon ruts." In other words, intentionally pursuing the wisdom and understanding of God helps us to create healthier and better habits and rhythms in our daily lives.
  - In what ways would you say that you do intentionally pursue the wisdom and understanding of God?
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### **Proverbs 2:11-15**

- Notice in this section of text that the wisdom and knowledge of God aren't just intended to be obtained and lived out. They also are intended to guard us against and deliver us from evil, from running after things that run contrary to the adventure that God has invited us to. What do these facts indicate about us?
  - This indicates that as human beings, we are prone to wander and do our own thing rather than embracing what God has for us. No human being is exempt from this regardless of how strong or good that they may be.

- In what ways do you need to get real about the fact that you are not as strong as you may think you are or as strong as you come across to others?
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### **Proverbs 2:16-22**

- While the context of this section of text is most definitely speaking about wisdom's protection from the immoral woman, the most important part of this section of the text is the covenant that God has made with His people and that His people have made with Him. The reality is that since Christians are in a covenant relationship with God, we are married to Him, and He is married to us so the "immoral woman" isn't only about the "immoral woman" but anything and anyone that might cause us to break/violate the covenant that we have made with God.
  - In what ways is sin appealing to you? In what ways have you experienced sin "overpromising but underdelivering?" In other words, your own agenda seemed great in the short term but in the long run, it sucked the life out of you.
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### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

### **Closing & Prayer Requests**

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time

- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. (Proverbs chapter 3)

## PROVERBS CHAPTER 2 (STUDENT)

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