



PROVERBS CHAPTER 3 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Do you characterize yourself as a good listener? Why or why not?
- Do you think most people are better listeners or talkers? Why?
- **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 3:1-35)

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

Proverbs 3:1-12

- Notice in this section of text that God's law (His word) isn't intended to be just knowledge that we are to absorb, but a lifestyle of obedience from the heart.
 - In what ways do you need to more fully embrace God's Word as a lifestyle rather than just knowledge or good suggestions?

- This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- What do you think the differences are between trusting the Lord and trusting your heart? Which one do you do more of and how can you trust the Lord more fully?
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- Verses 9 & 10 connect trusting God with how we honor Him with our material possessions. The word honor in verse 9 is connected to this idea of sacrifice.
 - In what ways is your honoring of God with your material possessions sacrificial?
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 - In what ways is your honoring of God with your material possessions a reflection of your gratitude to Him?
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Proverbs 3:13-24

- Notice in verses 19 & 20 that God desires to give us the same wisdom by which He created the entire universe. What is incredible about this and how are you seeking after this wisdom from God?
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Proverbs 3:25-35

- In this section of text, notice that wisdom is intended to be lived out for the glory of God but also on behalf of others.
 - How does wisdom from God affect how you are viewing the people around you? Treating the people around 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 4)

PROVERBS CHAPTER 3 (STUDENT)

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