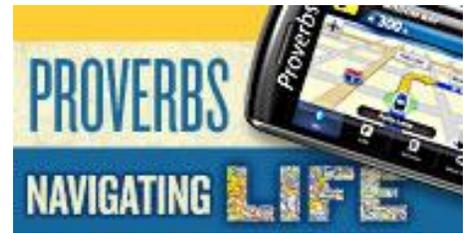


**Growth Group Questions**  
**"Ask for Whatever You Want"**  
**Proverbs 1:1-7**  
**1st in our series *Navigating Life***  
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1. The world is full of proverbs and wise sayings. Here's a couple examples: "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." "Necessity is the mother of invention." Or, "Half a loaf is better than none." What's a proverb or wise adage you've remembered?
  
2. You're being encouraged to read a chapter of Proverbs each day and reflect on what you read. Share with your group an insight you've gained in your reading this past week.
  
3. We talked about how Proverbs are principles to help us navigate life, not methods, rules or lists. What are some of the variety of methods or applications for our lives that might come out of the principles found in:
  - a. Proverbs 6.27-28
  - b. Proverbs 11.25
  
4. What does it mean to fear the Lord, Proverbs 1.7 (11 times in Proverbs)?
  
5. Break into groups of 3 and share one specific area in which you need God's wisdom and skill in navigating life. Pray for one another that God's Spirit of Wisdom (Deuteronomy 34.9, Isaiah 11.2, Ephesians 1.17) would empower us to do what we can't do and fill us with God's skill.

Read a chapter of Proverbs each day, corresponding to the day's date. Or listen to a chapter of Proverbs each day at <http://feeds2.feedburner.com/dailyaudioproverb>. "The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple." Psalm 119.13

Growth Group Leaders and hosts: each Sunday in church we'd like to have a different person share a one minute insight God has given them in their daily Proverbs reading. Would you call or e-mail Mary ([staff@paseodelrey.org](mailto:staff@paseodelrey.org)) the day following your study with the name of someone who had a neat insight and may be willing to share the following Sunday?

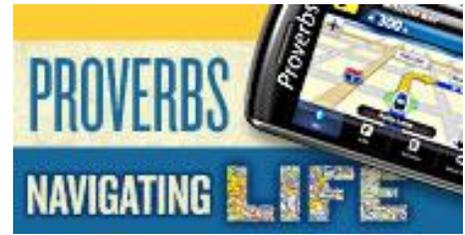
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1. King Solomon asked for wisdom

1 Kings 3-4

discerning heart: listen attentively and submissively

distinguish: understand, divide, consider

wisdom: practical skill in living and navigating life

2. Solomon's book of wisdom shows us how to navigate life

Proverbs 1.1-7

a. Generally true, not promises

b. Principles, not methods

c. Holy Spirit, not self-help

d. Fearing God, not playing god

Skillful navigating of life begins and ends with bowing to God.