

WEEK 1

Most of Proverbs is a collection of general principles, not guarantees of outcomes if you do certain things. Here's an example:

Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they get older they will not depart from it.

– Proverbs 22:6

While parents should do their part in raising their children, there is no guarantee the child will stay on a solid path throughout adulthood. There's a good chance they will, but it's not promised.

As a group, watch the Bible Project videos on Proverbs.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Were you taught to believe that Proverbs was a list of God's promises, implying that if you performed a certain way you'd have a guaranteed result?
2. What stood out to you in the videos?
3. In what area of your life would you like more wisdom?

WEEK 2

Divide and assign Proverbs chapters 1-9 among group members. If you have more than nine people in your group, it's okay if two people have the same assignment, but all nine chapters must be covered.

Give these instructions to each group member:

1. Think of this as an opportunity to connect with God.
2. Pray before you read your assigned chapters, asking God to open your heart and mind to what you can learn.
3. Select **one or two verses** from your assigned reading that are relevant to something in your life, and prepare to discuss these questions when we meet:
 - **Why did the verse(s) stand out to you?**
 - **As you consider the verse(s), do you feel prompted to make a change?**

WEEKS 3 AND BEYOND

Divide and assign two to three chapters among group members each week until finished. Follow steps 1-3 from the Week 2 section above.

TO CONSIDER

If discussing particular passages leads to a healthy and lengthy discussion, stay on the topic as long as needed. If that will cause the study to extend beyond three weeks, adapt as needed. It would not be surprising if this study lasts longer than three weeks.

