



MAKE WISE CHOICES

Week One | Credible Consideration - What is True? | 05.28-29.2022

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Series Recap: We all believe things that aren't true, but we are given a good and helpful framework from the book of Proverbs that shows the importance of the right source of wisdom and the true cost of ignoring it. Wisdom is an investment that keeps giving returns; foolishness is a tax that you never stop paying and it never gives you anything you want to keep.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: How do you prefer to get the news of the day?
- Digging Deeper: What are things that you have believed in the past that turned out not to be true and what opened your eyes?

» Observation | Read Proverbs 10:9; 21:28; 23:23; 28:26; John 8:31-32; 14:6; 16:13

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | **Wisdom costs something; foolishness costs everything.**

(12 minutes)

- What is an expensive lesson that you have learned? What did it cost you?
- What is a foolish decision you were spared from? What was saved by avoiding it?

» Truth Becoming Understanding | Reread Proverbs 14:12, 21:28; John 16:13, Hosea 14:9

(12 minutes)

- Where does the world think truth comes from? Where does the Bible say it originates?
- How do the ways of the Lord guide a believer to truth, discernment, and understanding?

» Understanding Forming Wisdom | Reread Proverbs 23:23, 28:26; John 14:6; Revelation 3:17-18

(12 minutes)

- What is more valuable than wisdom? How do we confuse wisdom within our world?
- How does the worldly definition of wealth compare to the Bible's definition?

» Wisdom Framing Worldview | Reread Proverbs 10:9; 3:5-6; John 8:31-32

(12 minutes)

- Discuss the connection between integrity, understanding, and truth.
- What does it mean to abide in Jesus' Word? How does His Word encourage freedom, integrity, and security?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- With so much information available to you, what do you use to help you determine what is true and what is false?
- Close by praying for one another to take time over the next several weeks to read, process, and apply the wisdom in Proverbs.