



## ENGAGE

Break the Ice: (The purpose of these first questions is to help your group open up. Please don't feel like you have to ask each question. You may even have a better question. Once you feel that the group is engaged, move on to the "Inspire" section.)

- What is the most daring or foolish thing you've ever done? Looking back, would you do it again? Why or why not?
- What did God teach you during the message this weekend? Did anything in particular stand out?

Prayer: Take some time to pray for God's Spirit to speak to your group through His Word.

## INSPIRE

(Since the group may need time to process each question, don't let silence scare you. Try to avoid filling the space with unnecessary explanation or moving on from the question too quickly.)

1. Read Proverbs 1:1-2. The entire purpose of the book of Proverbs is wrapped up in the first three words of verse 2, "To know wisdom..."
  - What sort of things prevent us from making wise decisions?
  - Phil said, "Wisdom is knowing what is true and right combined with good judgment." What areas or situations of your life do you struggle to handle wisely? Why?
  - Wisdom isn't biased to age or intelligence. However, wisdom is biased towards pursuit. How can we pursue godly wisdom?
2. Read Proverbs 1:7.
  - The first principle of wisdom is the fear of the LORD. How does the second part of the verse help us understand what it means to fear the LORD? Hint: A fool is a person who thinks they're too smart for wisdom or instruction, they are beyond instruction and arrogant—they despise the wisdom of God.
  - The wisdom taught in Scripture is God-centered, not man-centered. Has there ever been a time in your spiritual journey where you sought man-centered wisdom instead of God-centered wisdom? Explain.
3. J.I. Packer wrote, "Not until we have become humble and teachable, standing in awe of God's holiness and sovereignty, acknowledging our own littleness, distrusting our own thoughts and willing to have our minds turned upside down, can divine wisdom become ours."
  - On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being arrogant and 10 being humble, where would you rank yourself, during the various stages of your life, when it comes to being humble and teachable?
4. Read Proverbs 1:6 and James 1:5.
  - What do these verses say about godly wisdom and how we can obtain it? How does that change how you currently pursue wisdom?



# EQUIP

(These questions will challenge your group members to apply the study to their daily lives. It is highly important that you go over this section with your group each week for the group study to be a success. Set aside 15-20 minutes at the end of your study to go over this section.)

At the end of his message, Phil said, “Wisdom isn’t about what you know, it’s about who you know. Possession of wisdom starts with possession of Jesus.”

- Read I Corinthians 1:30 and Colossians 2:3.
- Wisdom doesn’t come automatically; it has to come from the Lord.
- Are you asking for wisdom? Discuss how you will pursue it in the coming weeks and months.

### **Prayer:**

Take some time to pray that each group member will be given wisdom for His glory, for the good of others, and for guidance in our own lives.

### **Equip Your Mind:**

“Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.” (Proverbs 1:7, NLT)