#### **WISDOM**

# Call Study – Jason Park

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These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. <sup>2</sup>Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. <sup>3</sup>Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. <sup>4</sup>These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young. <sup>5</sup>Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance <sup>6</sup> by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles. <sup>7</sup>Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. **Prov. 1:7** 

**FEAR:** An emotional response to a perceived threat or danger.

**FEAR OF THE LORD:** Reverence and awe towards God, recognizing His authority and majesty.

How do you define fearing God?

	FEARING GOD = KNOWING GOD									
Rate your fear of God	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

<sup>6</sup> "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me, and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. **Jn. 17:6-8** 

But let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice, and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord. Jer. 9:24

What are some reasons why people do not fear God?

# FEARING GOD = LOVING GOD AND OTHERS

<sup>12</sup> "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul. <sup>13</sup> And you must always obey the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good. **Deut. 10:12-13** 

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. **1 Jn. 4:7-8** 

### FEAR OF GOD = SEEKING WISDOM

<sup>4</sup> My father taught me, "Take my words to heart. Follow my commands, and you will live. <sup>5</sup> Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them. <sup>6</sup> Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. **Prov. 4:14-15** 

<sup>15</sup> Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others. **Prov. 12:15** 

What are things that keep you from "seeking wisdom"?

### FEARING GOD = HATING EVIL

All who fear the Lord will hate evil. Therefore, I hate pride and arrogance, corruption, and perverse speech. **Prov. 8:13** 

<sup>7</sup>Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. <sup>8</sup>Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones. **Prov. 3:7-8** 

What are evil things in your life that you allow to hang around?

## FEARING GOD = NOT BEING A FOOL

Only fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; not one of them does good! **Ps. 14:1** 

YOUR WISDOM IS TIED TO THE QUALITY OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Do you have any other observations?

How can we pray for you?

#### CHRONOLOGICAL READING PLAN FOR JUNE

153. Song of Solomon	154. Proverbs 1-3	155. Proverbs 4-6	156. Proverbs 7-9	157. Proverbs 10-12				
158. Proverbs 13-15	159. Proverbs 16-18	160. Proverbs 19-21	161. Proverbs 22-24	162. 1 Kings 5-6; 2 Chr 2-3				
163. 1 Kings 7; 2 Chro	onicles 4 164. 1 Kin	ngs 8; 2 Chron 5 165. 2 Chro	on 6-7; Psalm 136	166. Psalms 134, 146-150				
167. 1 Kings 9	; 2 Chronicles 8 16	8. Proverbs 25-26 169	. Proverbs 27-29	170. Ecclesiastes 1-6				
171. Ecclesia	stes 7-12 172. 1 King	gs 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9 173.	. Proverbs 30-31	174. 1 Kings 12-14				
175. 2 Chronicles 10-1	.2 176. 1 Kings 15; 2 C	Chronicles 13-16 17	7. 1 Kings 16; 2 Chronic	les 17 178. 1 Kings 17-19				
179. 1 Kings 20-2	180. 1 Kings 22	; 2 Chronicles 18 181. 2 Chro	onicles 19-23 182	. Obadiah; Psalms 82-83				
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