

## STUDY GUIDE: “Wisdom”

### Discussion Starters

1. Name a person you believe is wise.
2. At what age do people begin to develop wisdom

### Study

**This study guide is designed to follow up the sermon “Wisdom” at NOCC on 6/24/18. If you weren’t in worship at NOCC that Sunday, listen to the sermon on [nocc.org](http://nocc.org) or the NOCC app.**

3. Read the following passages and note what they say about wisdom.

Proverbs 1:1-7

Proverbs 3:7-8

Proverbs 4:7

Proverbs 13:20

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage, and why you think this word was chosen.

--“proverbs” (Proverbs 1:1)

--“know” (Proverbs 1:2)

--“wisdom” (Proverbs 1:2)

--“instruction” (Proverbs 1:2)

--“understanding” (Proverbs 1:2)

--“prudence” (Proverbs 1:4)

--“counsel” (Proverbs 1:5)

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5. Why is “wisdom” important to us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Noting all the words which seem to be part of “wisdom” from Proverbs 1:1-6, define “wisdom”.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How do some people gain wisdom when others never seem to?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What is the difference between being wise and being smart?

**Taking It Home**

9. How readily do you listen to wisdom?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Is there an area of your life in which you need to have wisdom applied more than others? What is it, and why is it that you don’t have (enough) wisdom in this particularly area?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. In what way do you have more wisdom today than you did ten years ago?

For follow up study of the sermon on June 24, 2018