

NOTES & QUOTES



RIGHT
HERE
WITH
ME

A SUMMER IN PROVERBS

Most of us have experienced the powerful and even calming effect the insight of a person with godly wisdom has. Whether those conversations happen on a back deck, dock, or around a campfire, they are always life-giving. The big question is: how does one gain this kind of wisdom? Scripture makes it clear that it does not happen by accident, but rather it comes when we seek it like searching for a hidden treasure. Time spent with God in the book of Proverbs makes a heart wise.

This summer we are challenging each other to read through a Proverb a day. As you do, you will be storing up for yourself insight on how to handle life as God would want you to, as well as helping others do the same and experience the wisdom and guidance of our Creator.

God's invitation to you says: "come and sit, right here with me."

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. As you look back over your week, allow God to guide you. What are you thankful for? What is causing you stress? When did you sense God's presence, hear his wisdom, or notice his activity?
2. Each week we are reading through the chapters in the book of Proverbs that corresponds with each day (i.e. July 11 = Proverbs 11). As you reflect on the readings from this last week, what theme has emerged? What has stuck with you? How have you witnessed it play out in your life?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

3. As you listen to or reflect on the message from Sunday, what inspired you? Challenged you? Helped you? Has it resulted in a change of attitude, action, or understanding? What questions do you still have?

4. Reread the passage(s) that were talked about during the message or read the chapter that corresponds with today's date. What does this passage reveal about God, yourself, or others?
5. Where do you find affirmation in these words? What are you doing well? Where do you find challenge? What do you need to change?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

6. Is there a particular action you think God might be calling you to take as a result of this piece of wisdom? What might be the result of accepting (or not accepting) this wisdom?
7. Pick one verse from your reading this week that has impacted you the most. Commit that verse to memory.
8. Ask God if there is someone to whom you could be a help or encouragement through your words and actions? Plan what you can specifically do for them this week.

Ponder, Pray, and Memorize

"Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers and blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord."

Proverbs 16:20