

## The Work of Seeking Wisdom

As we walk through this life, we face all kinds of dangers. Whether we are aware of such dangers or not, they are real and they threaten our spiritual, emotional, relational well-being. The good news is that we are not left alone to navigate these dangers. God offers us wisdom that can protect us and guide us through this life IF we will seek wisdom. Let's consider the work of seeking wisdom.

**Opening Discussion:** When you think about the idea of dangers, what is foremost in your mind in your life?

### Read Proverbs 2

1. What sticks out to you in this passage?
2. How does the father describe what it looks like to seek wisdom (vv. 1-4)? How does he describe the effort that is needed?

Brian said:

If the son will seek wisdom, then he will *understand the fear of the LORD*. He will *find the knowledge of God*. The search for wisdom is really about finding God. As Steve mentioned last week, *the fear of the LORD* involves relating to him as he really is. If we have the fear of the Lord, we will move towards him and we will pay attention to him. We will reverence him and respect him. We will obey him.

3. Is it possible to find and walk in wisdom apart from finding God? Why or why not?
4. Clearly, we are to seek wisdom, but verse 6 also says that the Lord gives wisdom. How do you understand the interplay between our effort and God giving wisdom as a gift?

5. One benefit of wisdom that Proverbs 2 communicates is protection. How is this protection described in the passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Is the pursuit of wisdom right now something you are intentionally pursuing, or would you say it is a bit haphazard? Explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Brian gave four suggestions for seeking wisdom: (a) be in God's word regularly; (b) ask God for wisdom; (c) surround yourself with wise people; and (d) get to know Jesus. What thoughts do you have about pursuing any of these ideas?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What is your main application from the study?