



TALK IT OVER

Our Talk It Over is prepared each week by the teaching pastor and is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each listener. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel.

WALKING IN WISDOM

Part 1

Proverbs 1:1-7

1. What is your favorite present-day proverb? “A stitch in time saves nine”? “The early bird gets the worm”? Do you have a proverb of your own creation?

2. How do the proverbs in the Book of Proverbs compare with much present-day self-improvement advice? What is similar? What is different?

3. What is the significance of the Book of Proverbs being written almost 3,000 years ago? In what ways has the Book of Proverbs “stood the test of time?”

4. What is the role of the “Fear of the Lord” in obtaining wisdom? How is the term “Fear of the Lord” best understood?

5. Why is it important to understand the proverbs as general observations about life, instead of universal guarantees or promises? In what ways can the Book of Proverbs become harmful or even toxic if it is not understood in this way?

6. How do the two wisdom books of Ecclesiastes and Job balance the Book of Proverbs? What do Ecclesiastes and Job say about life that complements or contrasts with the proverbs?

7. Have you ever tried reading a chapter of Proverbs on each day of the month? What was your experience like? Would you be willing to try this practice as we begin a new year?

