

Gospel-Centered Wisdom

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God's Word.

Message Summary

The New Day Church family is reading through the bible chronologically in 2017. Each week we hear a sermon based on the material we have already read for the week. We are learning that the story of Redemption is on full display from Genesis to Revelation. Both Old and New Testaments are one unified story that speaks of the beauty of God and the Redemption He has provided for us.

King David died and his son, Solomon, rose to the throne. Solomon was God's choice to be the next king of Israel. It would be Solomon who would one day build the temple for Yahweh. One night early in his reign, God came to Solomon and said, "*Ask what I shall give you.*" Solomon's response was, "*You have shown great and steadfast love to David my father, and have made me king in his place. O Lord God, let your word to David my father be now fulfilled, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people for who can govern this people of yours, which is so great?*" Because Solomon asked for wisdom alone, and not for wealth, possessions, and honor, God gave Solomon great wisdom and He blessed him with wealth, possessions, and honor.

We have a record of Solomon's wisdom; the book of Proverbs. While many people think Proverbs is just a book about biblical principles and moral living, it's more than that. Proverbs addresses our hearts. It's a Gospel book too. As Ray Ortlund said in *Proverbs: Wisdom that Works*, Proverbs "is good news for bad people. It is about grace for sinners. It is about hope for failures. It is about wisdom for idiots. This book is Jesus himself coming to us as our counselor, as our sage, as our life coach. The Lord Jesus Christ is a competent thinker for all times and all cultures."

In light of this, Proverbs 3 helps us see how to live the Gospel-Centered life by applying Gospel-Centered Wisdom. Solomon's exhortation was to his son. He wanted him to wisely and live in light of his royal heritage. He wanted him to live just as he would live. In the same way, as sons and daughters of King Jesus, we too must live the way Jesus would have lived. This is Gospel-centered wisdom. As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community this week, examine the sermon notes, the questions on the next page and be prepared to answer and discuss the following questions as they relate to Gospel-Centered living:

1. Do you let the Bible overrule your own thinking?
2. Do you believe someone somewhere without Jesus will still go to heaven?
3. When was the last time you took a risk to obey Christ?

The answers to these questions will determine if you are living in light of Gospel-Centered Wisdom!

Message Outline

Living the Gospel-Centered Life means we:

1. Submit our lives to God's Word. (1-2)
2. Faithfully love others. (3-4)
3. Trust God alone. (5-6)
4. Fear the Lord by turning away from evil. (7-8)
5. Honor the Lord with your possessions & money. (9-10)
6. Receive the Lord's correction. (11-12)

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Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to Proverbs 3:1-12:

1. What does this passage teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

Weekly Prayer Focus

• Church:

- Pray as we seek to identify additional elders to lead us into the future.
- Pray about going on a global mission trip this year.
- Pray as we seek to raise up additional leaders who will multiply our Missional Communities.
- Pray for our worship space.
- Pray for our finances.
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• Local:

- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.
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• Global:

- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for new workers on the mission field.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.
- Pray for the work of Paul & Sarah Young and Dakota Baptist Church in North Dakota.
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