



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	w/c 8 th January 2023		Discovering Wisdom treasure
Start	 How are you starting 2023? Text someone in the group an emoji that best conveys how you're feeling about this year ahead. Text someone else in the group an emoji that best conveys how you'd like to view this year. 		
Discuss	 Why are there so many different versions of January? e.g. <i>Dry January, Veganuary, Hairanuary</i> What have you ever done/ tried? What, if any, New Year Resolutions did <u>you</u> make? How is it going? Is there an aspect of your life that could benefit from more wisdom? How? Who do you consider to be wise? Why? What do you understand <i>wisdom</i> to be? What's the difference between knowledge, understanding, and wisdom? 		
Read	Proverbs 2:1-11	Catch-up	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
Explore	 v.1-5 How many actions/ doing verbs are there? Why so many? What does this say about Wisdom, and how to discover it? v.2 What does '<u>turn</u> your ear to wisdom' and '<u>apply</u> your heart to understanding' mean? How can we do this? v.3 Why does our intent matter? <u>Call</u> out <u>cry</u> aloud v.4 How is Wisdom like treasure? Imagine a field with treasure just beneath the surface waiting to be unearthed. v.5 What is the <u>fear</u> of the Lord? Why is this so often misunderstood? v.6 Where does Wisdom ultimately come from? <u>Proverbs 3:13-18</u> Why was Wisdom given a personality and, in a maledominated culture, a <i>female</i> voice? <u>Proverbs 8:22-31</u> Where was Wisdom before there was anything to know? <u>Read John 1:1-3</u>. Why is Jesus the source of all Wisdom? If Jesus <u>IS</u> Wisdom, what does it mean to say, we need more wisdom? To encounter Wisdom, is to encounter God. <u>Proverbs 1:20</u> Why is Wisdom about practical real life, be that at work, home, or out on the town? Access-All-Areas whole-life discipleship. 		
Go further	Colossians 1:15-20 What does it mean to be in relationship with Wisdom? To have the source of all Wisdom available to you?		
Reflect	 Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? James 1:5 Where in your life do you need more Wisdom? 		

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Pray	Dear God, Teach us, dear Lord, to number our days; that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all of our days. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; And establish Lord God the work of our hands. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; And establish Lord God the work of our hands, dear Lord. Amen
My questions:	

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