

Cultivate Reflection Guide

Unbreakable: Community in a Divisive World Campus Pastors | September 3-4, 2022

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King Solomon was blessed with the wisdom of God, and from that wisdom he wrote a short book of his greatest advice for his son to live by. Studying Proverbs has given people throughout history the wisdom to navigate a godly, secure, blessed life, and we need that wisdom today, more than ever.

Our Reflection Guide is a tool to help you grow spiritually wise, relationally kind and emotionally healthy. Use it to start a REAL conversation in community or to cultivate God's word into your life through personal bible study. Choose the questions that encourage you to reflect and respond to what we're learning. Pair it with your bible, a journal or any resource that helps you learn. *It's not about getting through the content, but getting the content through you!*

Reflect: As you reflect on our series through Proverbs, what wisdom or truth have you gained that will help you thrive in our broken world?

Respond:

1. Walking with **community** is the primary pathway to **wisdom**.
 - [Read Proverbs 13:20](#). How have you experienced the truth of this proverb in your life – a time when walking with the wise made you wiser OR a time when the foolishness of others led you astray?
 - What practices or disciplines in your life are helping your grow wiser, stronger or better as a person? How have you seen what you do help others grow better too?
 - If you're not currently in community, what is your greatest obstacle? What are you willing to do to overcome that obstacle?
2. Wisdom comes through community by **listening** with curiosity.
 - [Proverbs 15:31-33](#). Use this verse as a mirror and take a good look. Do you have an ear that genuinely listens to learn? Are you teachable, willing to hear instruction and receive correction? Is humility a virtue for you?
 - Curiosity cuts through assumptions. Where in your life could you benefit from the practice of asking curious questions SO THAT you avoid making unnecessary assumptions?
3. Wisdom comes through **sharing** with vulnerability and **staying** through adversity.
 - What do you need in order to feel safe enough to be vulnerable [honest, authentic, exposed]?
 - How has your willingness to be vulnerable – even if it was hard work – helped you grow and gain wisdom? This might be growth you've gained in understanding of yourself, God or others.
 - If you struggle to be vulnerable, tell God why that's hard for you. Then, tell someone else you trust.

Prayer: Father God, I'm so grateful for your wisdom and the way you deliver it into my life by your spirit, in your word and through your people. Reveal any head knowledge I'm holding onto that is corrupting my heart and keeping me from becoming a wise, kind and loving person whose life reflects you. Help me to cultivate REAL community with wise people who will encourage me to become the best version of myself, as I lovingly do the same for them. Give me a teachable spirit, the courage to be vulnerable and the strength to stay even when it's hard. Amen.

Dig Deeper Opportunity

[Read Matthew 4:18-19](#). Jesus made disciples and He calls us to help "make" others too. Take some time to reflect on your own experience with meeting Jesus for the first time. What worked for you? Did anything feel awkward, uncomfortable or scary? Is there anything you're especially grateful for? How can your experience help inform the way you go out and "make" others want to know Jesus too?