

# WISDOM'S CRY

## *Wisdom vs. Folly*

### *Small Group Discussion Questions*

#### Wise people learn by...Hearing Instruction

- Read Proverbs 21:11
- List some ways you regularly hear instruction on God's word.
- Tell the group about a time that your thinking was recently changed/developed by something you were taught.

#### Wise people learn by...Loving Reproof

- Read Proverbs 9:8
- Matt used the illustration this morning about using a sledgehammer and a crowbar to reprove. What does it feel like when someone uses a sledgehammer to reprove you? Are you likely to change when that happens?
- What is your response when someone seeks to correct you or challenge your thinking on a particular issue?
- How can you grow in that?

#### Wise people learn by...Heeding Advice

- Read Proverbs 12:15, 11:14
- Tell your group about a time that you were given advice, didn't listen to it, and regretted it.
- How do you discern between good advice and bad advice?
- Whose advice do you disregard the most?

#### Wise people Impact their Parents

- Read Proverbs 10:1
- Give a couple of ways that you can bring joy and delight to your parents? (If your parents have passed away, you can still list a couple of ways!)

#### Wise people Impact their Friends

- Read Proverbs 13:20
- Fill in your name: Whoever walks with (Your Name) becomes wise.
- What are some things you can do to make that true?

#### Wise people Impact their Enemies

- Read Proverbs 29:8, 16:7
- What happens when people are mad at you? How does the situation get resolved?
- Who was the last person that you got in a disagreement with? Is there something that you could do differently to make them be at peace with you?

#### Wise people control themselves by...Speaking Wisely

- Read Proverbs 14:3, 18:6-7
- Do you have a filter between your mouth and your brain? How often do your words get you into trouble?
- What are some practical things that you can do to control your tongue? What are some practical things you can do to REMEMBER to control your tongue?

#### Wise people control themselves by...Exercising Caution

- Read Proverbs 14:16
- What are the benefits of exercising caution and planning ahead?

#### Wise people control themselves by...Keeping Calm

- Read Proverbs 29:11
- What happens when you get angry?
- When was the last time that you lost your temper?
- How does the Fear of the Lord change the way you control your anger?