

## **WISDOM'S CRY**

### ***Squandering vs. Discernment***

#### ***Small Group Discussion Questions***

Read Proverbs 13:11

- Do you have an example of this verse in action?
- Sometimes, God blesses abundantly through inheritances or gifts from rich uncles! How do you keep that wealth that was gained hastily from dwindling?

Read Proverbs 21:5

- Why does planning lead to abundance?
- One way of planning with finances is using a budget. Do you use a budget? Why is budgeting hard?

Read Proverbs 3:9-10

- We talked some about the health, wealth, and prosperity “gospel” this morning. These verses can certainly be used to validate that theology. How is our understanding of this passage different from their understanding of this passage?
- Why does God want our first fruits?
- In the Old Testament, God commanded the Israelites to give 10%. Are we commanded to give that specific percentage as New Testament believers?
  - If your answer is yes, then give Biblical evidence of this.
  - If your answer is no, then what should New Testament believers give?

Read Proverbs 22:26-27

- Be Honest! Have you ever co-signed on a loan for someone? Has someone ever co-signed on a loan for you?

- Why does Solomon tell us not to be a person who does that?

Read Proverbs 22:7

- Why is debt so prevalent in America today?
- Do you have a hard time picturing your life debt free? (Including student loans and mortgages.) Why or why not?
- What do you think of Dave Ramsey’s statement: “We buy things we don’t need with money we don’t have to impress people we don’t like.”?

Read Philippians 4:11-13

- Does going in debt always mean you are discontent?
- What questions should you ask before going in debt?
- Are there types of debt that are more likely to show discontentedness than other kinds of debt?

What is one area of your personal finances that you want to look at this week as you think about what Proverbs says about money?