



## **Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide: SERMON ON THE MOUNT 05.13.2018**

### Recap:

- Wisdom Literature in the Bible, such as the Book of Proverbs, were a collection of writings meant to create a discussion of what it meant to live morally and ethically. The bulk of Proverbs explores the concept of what it means to live wisely and to avoid folly.
- Acting wisely is one of those things that's easier said than done. Therefore, we should not expect that we're going to get it right all the time.
- Expectations, when they are misguided and misdirected, set us up for failure. Even genuine expectations we set for ourselves set us up for failure because we're looking for answers without first asking the right questions.
- Acting wisely, seeking that peace isn't about making our lives perfect or never making a mistake. Acting wisely is focusing on our right relationships with God and our neighbor.
- A relationship with God isn't a switch that we flip where suddenly all of our pain and hurt, our disappointment and frustration just disappear. It's a shift – in your mind and in your heart – where seeking Him makes things like radical love possible.

### Discuss:

- Read Proverbs 31
- How do you feel expectations have impacted your relationship with yourself, God, and others?
- Why do you think the author characteristics wisdom as a woman?
- Read Proverbs 24:13-14.
- How is wisdom sweet? How does wisdom affect one's future and hope?
- How has your relationship with God and your neighbors been affected so far in this sermon series? What are some ways you can continue to improve it?

Pray: Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. Give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.

### Read at Home: Additional Readings about Wisdom

1 King 3: Solomon Asks for Wisdom and Delivers a Wise Ruling

Psalms 49: A psalm about wisdom and understanding

Matthew 13: Parables of Jesus and Sceptics Question Where His Wisdom Comes From