

A SMALL GROUP STUDY

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ABOUT DRIVETIME DEVOTIONS SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Welcome to this special Drivetime Devotions, small group study. This 5-week study is designed so that you can enjoy Drivetime Devotions as a podcast throughout the week and then talk about it with your small group. This will allow for more time in your small group for discussion, application, and fellowship.

The purpose of Drivetime Devotions is to help you know God's Word and put it into practice. It's usually better to study small sections of God's Word each day instead of a larger section once a week. Studying the Bible is like eating—you'll be healthier if you eat small amounts each day rather than one big meal a week! Episodes are designed to be listened to once per day, five days a week. In the event you miss a day or two, you can still stay on schedule.

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In Drivetime Devotions, Pastor Tom Holladay teaches God's Word and helps you put it into practice. With over 30 million downloads, Drivetime Devotions has built a reputation for changing lives and helping people grow closer to God. You can access this podcast study on PROVERBS by downloading the DrivetimeDevotions app for your phone or by going to DrivetimeDevotions.com.

HOW TO USE THIS INTERACTIVE STUDY GUIDE

This study guide is designed to be used as a downloaded file on your tablet or phone. You do not need to print it out unless you want to.

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



LISTEN

Prepare yourself before each study by listening to each week's five daily podcast episodes (one per day).



CHECKING IN

Open each meeting with a time for everyone to check in on each other's progress with the podcast. Accountability is a key to success in this study!



KEY VERSE

Each week you will find a key verse (or verses) from the chapter you are studying. You may want to memorize this verse together as a group.



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

These are questions for group discussion. Please don't feel pressured to discuss every single question. The material in this study is meant to be your servant, not your master. Therefore there is no reason to rush through your discussions. Give everyone ample time to share their thoughts.

Some questions will reference the verses from which they are taken. Many groups will want to have someone read those verses accompanying the question. There is something powerful about hearing the Bible read aloud together as a group.



LIVING ON PURPOSE

This section helps you encourage each other in balancing God's five purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship. Each week, there will be a prayer, practical action, or personal assignment that focuses on one of these purposes.



PRAYING TOGETHER

At the end of each session you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying together is one of the greatest privileges of small group life. Please don't take it for granted.

Get ready for God to do incredible things in your life as you begin the adventure of learning more deeply about the most exciting message in the world: the truth about God!

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



TELL A FRIEND

As you go through each session, the Holy Spirit may bring to mind different people in your life. You may even want to write their names down beside a point, phrase, or verse in the margins. Take the opportunity to share God's Word in a friend's life during the week.

WEEK ONE: Proverbs 1-7



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK ONE



CHECKING IN

1. If you're just starting as a group, take some time to get to know each other by going around the circle and sharing your name, where you grew up, and something about your life.
2. If you could have instant wisdom about any one topic, what would it be and why?



KEY VERSE

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding."

Proverbs 3:5



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. We learned that the purpose of Proverbs is to teach us wisdom and discipline for smart living. What is one area of your life where you feel you need the most wisdom right now, and how can we encourage each other to seek God's direction in those tough decisions? *Proverbs 1:2-3*
2. The teaching encourages us to tune our ears to wisdom and search for it like lost money. When was a time you had to diligently search for an answer from God, and how did He eventually make it clear? *Proverbs 2:2-4*

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3. The passage tells us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts instead of depending on our own understanding. How do you practically make the Bible the checkpoint for your important decisions instead of just going with your gut?
Proverbs 3:5-6
4. We learned that the path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn that shines ever brighter. In what specific way have you seen your life or faith grow brighter recently, even through difficult circumstances? *Proverbs 4:18*
5. The teaching reminds us that God sees everything we do and watches where we go out of love, not condemnation. How does knowing God is always watching out for you change the way you handle moments when you feel completely alone or misunderstood? *Proverbs 5:21*
6. We are told to go to the ant to learn the value of diligence and not giving up on what we've started. Which part of your life (job, marriage, kids, etc.) do you need to apply new energy and determination to today? *Proverbs 6:6*
7. The passage commands us to guard God's teachings as the apple of our eye, protecting the truth no matter what. What is a specific truth from God's word that you want to write on the "tablet of your heart" to remember this week?
Proverbs 7:2-3

WEEK ONE



LIVING ON PURPOSE: WORSHIP

Spend 10 minutes at the start of your day this week simply praising God for His wisdom and thanking Him for specific things He has created, letting a sense of awe shape your day.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that God would give each person the diligence to keep searching for His wisdom in the areas where they feel stuck or uncertain.



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK TWO: Proverbs 8-14



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK TWO



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week, how did starting your day with awe and worship impact your attitude?
2. What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?



KEY VERSE

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Proverbs 9:10



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. We learned that wisdom must be diligently sought like a lost child, not just expected automatically. What habits help you actively pursue God's wisdom rather than just waiting for it to happen? *Proverbs 8:17*
2. The teaching explains that the "fear of the Lord" is an attitude of awe and respect for God's power. How does remembering God's immense power give you confidence when you face overwhelming situations? *Proverbs 9:10*

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3. The passage highlights the security of walking in integrity rather than perverting our ways. Can you share a time when telling the truth was difficult but ultimately brought you peace, and how can we support each other in having the courage to be honest? *Proverbs 10:9*
4. We are warned not to trust in our riches, but to trust in God so we can flourish. How do your checkbook and your daily worries reveal where you are truly placing your trust? *Proverbs 11:28*
5. The teaching points out that a wise person listens to counsel instead of just doing what is right in their own eyes. Who do you typically go to for biblical, truthful, and practical advice, and how well do you listen? *Proverbs 12:15*
6. We are told that money gathered little by little will grow, but money that comes easily disappears quickly. How does the "patient plan" of gathering little by little challenge the way you view your current financial goals? *Proverbs 13:11*
7. The passage reminds us that while a clean manger is nice, real growth requires the messy strength of the ox. What "mess" are you currently shoveling through in your life that you need to view as a necessary part of a meaningful harvest? *Proverbs 14:4*

WEEK TWO



LIVING ON PURPOSE: EVANGELISM

Identify one person in your life who needs to know about the wisdom and grace of God, and invite them out for coffee this week to listen to their story.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Ask God to give the group the courage to walk in complete integrity this week, especially in situations where it might be easier to tell a lie.



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK THREE: Proverbs 15-21



LISTEN

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WEEK THREE



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week, did you get a chance to reach out to someone to listen to their story?
2. If you could flawlessly execute any plan or project tomorrow, what would it be?



KEY VERSE

"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps."

Proverbs 16:9



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. We learned that God loves those who pursue righteousness, which is deeply connected to how we speak to others. What is one conversation habit you need to change in order to act more righteously in your relationships? *Proverbs 15:9*
2. The teaching reminds us that while we plan our course, God ultimately determines our steps. How do you handle it when God's plans completely interrupt your own calendar, and what helps you surrender control? *Proverbs 16:9*

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3. The passage compares God testing our hearts to a crucible purifying gold. What uncomfortable "fire" or test are you going through right now, and what do you think God is trying to teach you through it? *Proverbs 17:3*
4. We are told that the name of the Lord is a strong tower where the righteous can run for safety. When anxieties arise, what do you usually run to for comfort instead of God, and how can you change that pattern today? *Proverbs 18:10*
5. The teaching challenges us to have compassion on the poor, reminding us that giving to them is like lending to the Lord. Who has God been tugging on your heart to help recently, and how can we encourage one another to step out and meet that need? *Proverbs 19:17*
6. We are advised to wait on the Lord instead of seeking our own revenge when someone wrongs us. Who do you need to turn over to God today instead of harboring bitterness or planning retribution? *Proverbs 20:22*
7. The passage promises that whoever pursues righteousness and love will find life, prosperity, and honor. In what ways have you discovered that giving your life away to serve others actually brings you more joy than living selfishly?
Proverbs 21:21

WEEK THREE



LIVING ON PURPOSE: DISCIPLESHIP

Choose one specific verse from Proverbs that challenges an area you want to grow in, write it on a card, and memorize it this week so God can use it to shape your character.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Have the group pray over the specific "fires" and tests that members are facing, asking God to purify their hearts and give them endurance.



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK FOUR: Proverbs 22-28



LISTEN

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WEEK FOUR



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week, what verse did you choose to memorize and how did it impact your thoughts?
2. What is the most memorable road trip or vacation you've ever taken with friends?



KEY VERSE

"He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy."

Proverbs 28:13



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. We learned that teaching children the right way provides a foundation that will guide them even when they are old. How has a lesson you learned early in life from a parent or mentor guided a recent decision you've made? *Proverbs 22:6*
2. The teaching warns against an overactive appetite and the spiritual danger of losing our focus on God. What material thing or comfort do you find yourself focusing on too much, and how can you bring that appetite under control?
Proverbs 23:2

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3. The passage describes a house filled with rare and beautiful treasures through wisdom and knowledge. What is one relational "treasure" (like a meaningful conversation or restored relationship) that you are most grateful for in your home? *Proverbs 24:3-4*
4. We are reminded that failing to keep a promise is like clouds and wind without rain. When is it most difficult for you to keep your commitments, and how can you better guard the promises you make? *Proverbs 25:14*
5. The teaching points out that thinking you are wise is actually worse than being a fool. How do you actively cultivate humility in your life so that you don't become full of yourself? *Proverbs 26:12*
6. We are told that loudly blessing a neighbor early in the morning can be taken as a curse, highlighting the importance of timing. Can you share a time when you had the right message but the wrong timing, and what did you learn from that experience? *Proverbs 27:14*
7. The passage encourages us to confess and renounce our sins to find mercy rather than concealing them. Is there an area of your life you've been keeping hidden, and how can we support each other in walking in the light and finding freedom? *Proverbs 28:13*

WEEK FOUR



LIVING ON PURPOSE: FELLOWSHIP

Plan a fun, relaxing activity with other members of your small group this week, focusing entirely on enjoying each other's company and building deeper friendships.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that God would give you the wisdom to recognize the true relational treasures in your life and the grace to nurture them.



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK FIVE: Proverbs 29-31



LISTEN

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WEEK FIVE



CHECKING IN

1. Looking back at last week, how did taking time for fellowship strengthen your connections with others?
2. If you could instantly master any practical skill (like cooking, carpentry, or coding), what would it be?



KEY VERSE

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."

Proverbs 31:30



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. We learned that flattering people is laying a trap for their feet, rather than giving them the truth they need. When have you been tempted to flatter someone to avoid a tough conversation, and how can you speak the truth in love instead? *Proverbs 29:5*
2. The passage reflects on the mystery of God's creation and relationships, reminding us that not everything can be reduced to science. How does embracing the mystery of how God works in our lives keep our faith and relationships from becoming boring, and how can we encourage each other to look for God's mysterious hand this week? *Proverbs 30:19*

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3. The teaching challenges us to loudly praise the often unnoticed work that happens in the home. Who is someone whose behind-the-scenes work you need to actively notice and praise today? *Proverbs 31:30-31*

WEEK FIVE



LIVING ON PURPOSE: MINISTRY

Look for a practical way to serve someone behind the scenes this week—whether at home, work, or church—without seeking any recognition or praise for yourself.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Ask God to help the group members speak the truth to one another and to always be quick to praise the unsung heroes in their lives.



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