

## Discussion Guide

### Series: *Fear of the Lord, Wk1: Fear & Wisdom*

June 1, 2025



#### Big Idea

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.



#### Icebreaker

What is one silly thing that you fear & why, perhaps, do you? What is one more serious thing that you fear & why, perhaps, do you?



#### Discussion Questions

1. Read Isaiah 55:8-9 and then read Isaiah 41:13. How do we keep a proper balance between God's transcendence (His otherness) per Isaiah 55 and His nearness (His presence with us) per Isaiah 41? Share a time when you struggled with one side of this tension more than the other? Amid the struggle did it result in anything negative? If so, what was that?
2. Read Proverbs 1:7 and then read Proverbs 9:10. In your own words, why do you think that fearing God is foundational to gaining true wisdom, knowledge, and understanding?
3. What does it mean to have a "healthy fear" of the Lord? How can we distinguish between unhealthy fear that cripples us and the kind of fear that leads to wisdom and reverence?
4. Read Proverbs 1:20-23. According to the sermon God is our *Creator, Judge, and Source/Teacher of Wisdom* who wants us to thrive in life. How can embracing each of these roles & this truth shape the way we live daily?
5. Read Proverbs 2:1-9. Wisdom is described here as something to be searched for like silver or a hidden treasure. What are some practical ways you are currently (or could begin) pursuing wisdom in your life? (if stuck, identify some verbs found in Proverbs 2:1-4 describing one's proper pursuit of wisdom)?
6. In our pursuit of wisdom the sermon proposed reading, listening to, and observing others in addition to, or after the Bible. What are your thoughts on this & why? In addition to your Bible and preachers, who are you reading, listening to, &/or observing to grow in wisdom? When may this become more detrimental than edifying?
7. The sermon noted that wisdom won't shield us from all hardship, but it can prevent self-inflicted pain. Why & how is this true? Do you have a transparent, real-life example to share of where you wish you would have employed more wisdom in order to reduce self-inflicted pain?



#### Concluding Question

The sermon also made the point that *Personal Reflection* is important to pursuing wisdom. How can your participation in Revive Wesleyan's Discovery Form act as an important tool in engaging in, and applying, *Personal Reflection*? If you haven't completed your form yet, please scan the QR Code to the right to do so. Thanks!



#### Prayer

Pray that our collective engagement in this Sermon Series *Daily Reading Plan* will bear much fruit!