

- 1 **Proverbs 2 is an invitation and a warning.** Think about warnings you've received in your life thus far. Are there times when you can still hear an authority figure from your past (parent, family member, teacher, coach, etc.) warning you about a certain action?

⚙️ *There is a sense in which every voice in our lives (people, commercials, etc.) has a spiritual voice or message behind it. How should that thought affect our decision making?*

🗨️ *How should it affect what we allow to speak into our lives? Discuss things like priorities and exposures and affections.*

- 2 **Is wisdom a gift from God or something to be worked for?** How is wisdom different from knowledge?

🗨️ *Another way to describe the pursuit of wisdom is to remember that wisdom is a path, not a door. In what way have you seen the pursuit of wisdom as a path in your own life (daily, repeated, steady obedience)? In what ways have you expected wisdom to be a door (a quick solution)?*

⚙️ *How does the pursuit for wisdom change into the concept found in Prov. 2:10 of wisdom entering into someone's heart?*

❤️ *Read Pr. 2:6-8. What aspects of God's character will be discovered by those who pursue wisdom? Which of those aspects do you find encouraging right now in your walk with the Lord and why?*

3 **While Proverbs is not about behavior modification, what are some things that can be learned from looking at your behavior?** If you find yourself giving in to sin, what does it say about the issues of your heart?

⚙️ *What benefits does the life of wisdom offer to those who find it? See Pr. 2:9-22 for help.*

📖 *Read Galatians 5:14 and Rom 13:8-10. What are some specific ways that the wisdom of Proverbs is the law of Moses fleshed out in daily life?*

4 **The tension between the initiative of God and the responsibility of man that is found in Proverbs 2 is also expressed in Philippians 2:12-13.** What does “working out salvation” look like practically in a believer’s life?

⚙️ *What is God’s empowerment and the Christian’s responsibility in the process?*

♥️ *What aspects of your salvation are most in need of “working out” right now? And, how are you personally encouraged and challenged by remembering the will of God’s good pleasure and your responsibility?*

5 **How is “anyone who says perverse things” (Prov 2:12) a rival to the voice of Wisdom?** What are some of the most common tactics you’ve observed of this type of person?

⚙️ *What does Proverbs tell us is the first step to sexual sin and adultery? How is this different than what we would normally think?*

🗣️ *What is the connection between immorality and idolatry?*