

## Community Group Study Guide

**Sermon Series** - The Way of Wisdom

**Sermon Date** - October 4, 2009

**Sermon Passage** - Proverbs 9:10, 14:27, 16:6, 19:23, 23:17

***Warm-up:***

1. What are some of the things that you fear most in life? Why? How are your fears a reflection of what is important to you?
2. What do your fears reveal about your passions and desires?

***Observe: In this section, our goal is to determine what the text says.***

**Read Proverbs 9:10, 14:27, 16:6, 19:23, 23:7**

1. What are the key words or phrases you see in these passages?
2. Are there any explicit exhortations in the passages? What are they?
3. Are there any warnings in the passages? What are they?
4. Are there any examples of comparison and contrast in the passage? What are they?
5. Are there any other items of note that you observe?

***Interpret: In this section, our goal is to determine what the text means.***

***Fear of the LORD - Beginning with God, Knowing God, and unconditionally trusting GOD (Tim Keller)***

1. What does the phrase "Fear of of the Lord" mean to you?
2. What does it mean to "Begin with God"?
3. What does it mean to "Know God"?
4. What does it mean to "Unconditionally trust God"?
5. How are your fears a reflection of what is important to you?
6. What do your fears reveal about your passions and desires?

***Apply: In this section, our goal is to determine how to integrate what you've studied into your life.***

1. Are there any areas in your life that do not line up with God's teaching in this passage? What has God been saying to you during this time?
2. What changes do you feel you need to make in your life?
3. What are some practical steps you can take to learn to "Fear the LORD"?
4. How can your group encourage you? How can you encourage others?
5. How can this group pray for you?