## THE MOTIVATION TO BE WISE

Proverbs 1:1-9;20-31

## IN MORE WAYS THAN THE WORRLD

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Take note of any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text to share with the group. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- Talk about someone you know whom you believe to be very wise. Why would you say that person has those qualities, and how did they obtain such wisdom?
- What are Proverbs? According to the opening verses, what is this book about?
- Verse 4 talks about the proverbs teaching us "prudence or "shrewdness." What does this word mean? How does this word influence the way of wisdom?
- What does it mean to fear the LORD? Does this mean we respect God? or is there a healthy element of dread? Why is the fear of the LORD the beginning of wisdom?
- How does responding to God's word indicate authentic listening?
- Sometimes even when we follow the proverbs and apply them to our lives, we find that the result isn't always promised. (Maybe some of you can relate with Proverbs 22:6) Why should we continue to read the book and consider its content?

Memory Verse: Proverbs 1:7

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline"