

## Checking In

1. Take a few minutes to check in with everyone, see how they are doing, and open with prayer.

## Learning

### *Knowing God*

### **Key Doctrines**

- *Wisdom* – The art of living well as revealed by God and passed down from one generation to another.
- *Church* – A family of adopted children in God’s household.

### **Key Observations**

- *Read:* Proverbs 1:8-9, Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-3
  - What repetitive themes do you notice throughout these three passages?

*The two repetitive themes which are connected in each passage are (1) the call to honor/listen to the instruction of one’s parents, and (2) the corresponding blessing of life that comes from embracing this command.*

- How has God called children to relate to their parents?

*The command to honor one’s father and mother found within the 10 commandments in Exodus continues through the Proverbs and into New Testament teaching. There is a proper honoring and recognition of the authority and value of one’s*

*parents as those chosen by God to communicate his instruction to us. This of course is assuming parents who have embraced this vocation as intended by God.*

- *Read: Proverbs 4:1-9, Proverbs 7:2, Ephesians 6:4*
  - What does this passage teach us about the heritage of wisdom within families?  
*Wisdom is a generational gift. It is to be passed down from one generation to the next as a great inheritance of the faith.*

- Whose words and commands are parents called to impart to their children?

*It is not the parent's words/commands in themselves which are to be heeded and which bestow life, but rather it is the words/commands of God himself shared by the parent with their child.*

- *Read: Proverbs 6:20-23, Psalm 119:105, John 6:68*
  - What does this passage teach us about the arena of wisdom? In short, what parts of a child's life should be impacted by an embrace of wisdom?  
*An embrace of God's wisdom bestowed on the child by their parents is to shape and inform every area of life. From rising in the morning to going*

*about our day, the words of God are to lead us in wisdom at all times.*

- Scripture teaches us that Jesus is the wisdom of God. What does it mean that Jesus himself is the light and life needed to live well?

*Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. He himself is the word of light and life that is needed for wisdom. This means that truly gaining wisdom entails not merely hearing God's commands externally, but coming to know God himself in Jesus and experiencing the Holy Spirit's internal work of writing God's commands on our hearts.*

## **Listening**

*Responding to God*

- In light of hearing this week's sermon, our study together, and listening to God's Word, how might God be inviting you to take a step of obedience?

## **Loving**

*Obeying God*

- What is happening in my own life right now that I need to share and for which I need prayer?
- This week I am committed to praying for \_\_\_\_\_ about:

## **Checking Out**

- What was most meaningful about this group session for you (*Give each person 1-2 sentences to share*)?
- Close in Prayer and Read Proverbs 4:5-9.