

**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) Read Proverbs 2:1-4. Do you pursue godly wisdom? Is growing in wisdom a priority for you? What are some hindrances to you pursuing wisdom?

b) What do you think of the image of wisdom being a path and not a door? Why do you think we tend to want wisdom to be like a door (something we simply unlock) rather than a path (which requires practices that are repeated over and over)?

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) Verse 6 says, "But the Lord gives wisdom." Do you see God as a hoarder or giver of wisdom? What hinders you from believing that God wants to lavish you with wisdom?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) Read Proverbs 30:1-4. Agur is struggling with the depth of evil and suffering in the world. He cries out for one "Who has ascended to heaven and come down." Why do you think Jesus chose to quote this verse in John 3:13-14 in referring to himself? Why do you think Jesus connects himself being the source of wisdom as it relates to our suffering?

b) Pastor Mark said, "Ultimate wisdom is displayed in the strangest of ways—in the cross." How is the cross the ultimate display of God's wisdom?

**APPLICATION**

a) One of the sermon points was: submit to the process of wisdom. This involves practices like:  
1. Studying God's Word (see 2:1, 3:1)  
2. Practicing self-examination, especially in community (see 2:11, 3:7)  
3. Not despising suffering (see 3:11-12).  
Which practice(s) are you struggling with? Which practice(s) do you need to grow in?

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for his wisdom, love, and grace.
- Confess ways that you have been wise in your own eyes.
- Thank Jesus for being the ultimate wisdom of God.
- Ask God to help you pursue wisdom and walk the path of wisdom.