

**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) Pst. Jamie emphasized that vulnerability and humility are essential for benefiting from God's wisdom individually and in community (V. 17; Prov 9:7-9). How can embracing these qualities help you accept Scriptural teaching, reproof, correction, or training in righteousness, whether personally or from others?
- b) We should have models and be models of God's wisdom in our conduct, mission, faith, patience, love, and steadfastness (V. 10). Reflect together on ways you can involve other believers in your spiritual growth, and you can be involved in another Christian's growth. Think of someone you have in mind.
- c) What improper or deceptive influences (including false teachings) conflict with the wisdom of God's word you receive (V. 13)?

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

- a) Take a close look at 2 Tim 3:10-17. What does it teach us about God in relation to how Scripture was inspired and why Scripture is essential/profitable for the "people of God" (V.16)?
- b) Knowing that God is the one who has designed our being, life, and time uniquely, how should we view God's word (Psalm 139: 13-16)?
- c) Knowing that God's word is inerrant, and its promises and prophecies will be fulfilled, how should we embrace God's word or even who He is (2 Pet 1:20-21; Matt 5:18; Jn 17:17; 1 Pet 1:24-25).

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

- a) Christ perfectly and humbly obeyed the wisdom of God but died the death of a sinner to set us free from sin, making us "sons" of God (V. 12; Jn 8:39-40; Gal 3:13-14; 4:4-5). God's wisdom might require obedience even when it is difficult. How does the knowledge of our salvation give us a better view of obedience even when it is difficult and seems lonely (Titus 2:11-12)?

**APPLICATION**

Discuss any that resonate with you as you think through the following application.

- Who can I partner with to influence me to embrace the wisdom of God humbly?
- Who have I observed that needs my influence to grow in the wisdom of God?
- How can I remove all improper or deceptive influences against my obedience to God's word?
- In what areas of your life can God's grace to you through the cross teach you to say "No" to ungodliness even when it's difficult?

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for revealing Himself and His plan to you through the Scripture.
- Confess ways you have neglected God's wisdom.
- Thank Christ for sharing, making you God's child, and giving you confidence through the gospel that He is with you in suffering and persecution.
- Ask God for power and wisdom to delight in His word as you meditate and obey it.