

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

Another new year brings with it a sense of hope and renewal. Many of us set will new goals in our professional or personal lives. In order to achieve those goals, we need wisdom and understanding, something the book of Proverbs has a lot to say about. The writer tells us the first step toward a godly life is to take God seriously.

READ PROVERBS 1:1-7

DISCUSSION

Do you have any New Years resolutions for 2020? Are they more general or specific? How do you want your life to improve this year?

Proverbs talks about both wisdom and knowledge. What is the difference between the two? Can you *know* something without truly *understanding* it?

Proverbs 1:7 tells us the beginning of knowledge is the fear of the Lord. However, the apostle John writes in 1 John 4:18 that there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. How can both of these be true?

Do you ever struggle to take God seriously? When is it the hardest for you to take God seriously? What steps could you take to grow in that area?

APPLICATION

How do you hear God speaking to you through this passage of Scripture?
In light of this, how are you going to be different in the future?