



## Small Group Sermon Response Questions – Week of 6/1/14

### Proverbs 2 – “Get It While The Gettin’ Is Good”

*(Any good understanding of a good life must come to us from our good God.)*

1. The Vital Necessity of Understanding What Is Good (vv. 18-22) We recognize how this matters for unbelievers, but how does it matter for Christians? Consider Hebrews 3-4, and relate our verses from Proverbs to Christ fulfilling the Law, winning the Land, and ruling well eternally.
2. Discuss how virtue generally brings prosperity, and how the gospel, while not primarily *aiming* to create wealth, just *does*.
3. Discuss why we can't view the principle of question #3 as a promise for this life. Consider Psalm 73, and again relate this to the Christ-centered redemption narrative of scripture.
4. The Challenging Conditions for Understanding What Is Good (vv. 1-4) What does *persistently* treasuring God's wisdom look like in your life? What does *impatience* in this regard look like?
5. The Benevolent Source of Understanding What Is Good (vv. 6-8) Does God get “sound wisdom” from someone or somewhere else and *then* “store it up” to give to us who seek it? Why does this matter?
6. The Joyful Security of Understanding What Is Good (vv. 10-19) Discuss the two reasons that the sermon identified for why God is not unloving to expect us to pursue His wisdom diligently.
7. Discuss the difference between Proverbs 2's “deliverance,” and the “deliverance” from trouble that many professing believers are trying to claim “in Jesus' name.”
8. What other initial reflections, questions, or evaluation do you have regarding the sermon? What have you seen of God, yourself, the gospel, and/or the life of faith?
9. What has God been teaching you in your own personal study lately?