



Small Group Sermon Response Questions - Week of 8/24/14  
"The Path Of Wisdom" – Kevin Sorenson

- 6:30 to 6:45 — Meet & Greet / Conversation
  - 6:45 to 7:30 — Sermon Response Time
    - 7:30... — Smaller Groups for Accountability and Prayer

1. Kevin's definition of Proverbial Wisdom: "Pursuing success *as defined by God and His people.*" Consider how this definition fits with vv. 7-9's statement that wisdom will "make you a winner."
  
2. Section #1: How To Get On The Path—Pursue It Passionately (vv. 1-9)
  - a. Discuss the tendency of younger people (and all of us) to think they/we already have all the wisdom they/we need within us. How does this section (and chapter and book) address that problem?
  
  - b. Reflect on Kevin's assertion that even tremendous amounts of true information don't qualify as "wisdom" if not rightly related to God.
  
3. Section #2: How To Stay On The Path—Recognize Only One Alternative (vv. 10-19)
  - a. Consider how v. 10 relates to John 10:10 (taken in context).
  
  - b. How would it change our moment-by-moment lives if we continually remembered that there are only two paths?
  
4. Section #3: How To Live On The Path—Commit Your Whole Being (vv. 20-27)
  - a. List all the specific parts of a person that are mentioned in these 8 verses. How is this significant? Which part is given the most importance, and how do the others relate to it?
  
  - b. Relate v. 23 to John 4:7-15.
    - "The best way to keep 'death' out of your heart is to keep it packed full of the true Life."
  
5. 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? What has God been teaching you in your own personal study lately?