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Be Wise
A STUDY
OF PROVERBS

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What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?

What does God want us to hear? What are some of the more factual “takeaways” from this passage for you?



WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO?

Pastor Matt said, “Anytime you have ever echoed the words, ‘I don’t know where that came from’ the reality is that you are not just dealing with your words and actions. You are always dealing with what controls your behavior, which is your heart.”

What is it about a stressful situation that can bring things to the surface that might surprise us?

How can a person figure out where those internal dormant volcanos reside before they erupt?

What might happen if you asked a wise person, someone who knew you well, to look inside your blind spots—and tell you what was there?

How can people we trust help us to uncover the parts of our character that still need to be shaped and developed by the Holy Spirit?

What does God want us to do? What are some hypothetical, but practical, ways to apply this chapter from Proverbs?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

Pastor Matt said, “Solomon looks at his sons, and says ‘Boys, if you focus on anything in this life, make it this. Make this the priority. Don’t get distracted. Don’t go down the paths of foolishness. Keep your eyes on this, keep your heart with all vigilance. Son, pay attention to the content and character of your heart because as Solomon says the well spring of your life flows from it.”

Describe a time, when your words, expressed in the heat of the moment, revealed something in your heart that surprised you (and perhaps the person to whom your words were directed).

Take a brutally honest look at what your recent words and actions have revealed about your heart. What do you see that makes you happy? What concerns you—or should concern you?

How do you think God wants to repair or redeem those parts of your character that have significant gaps? What could you do to move that process along?

What does God want ME to do? What is the personal application and action step God is calling you, personally, toward?