



Justin's Life Message

CONNECT

- What are some plans you have to enjoy the summer?
- What's a time in your life that felt very confusing, where it was hard to answer the question, "Why am I here?"
- Do you have a favorite verse of the Bible? What is it?

INTRODUCTION

In Justin's life message, he described how he had his favorite verse, Proverbs 3:5-6, turned upside down, with the wrong focus on top. In his goodness, God slowly but surely turned it right side up. The things we trust in, depend on, and acknowledge in our lives aren't always obvious, but the author of Proverbs shows us how and why God should be the object of all that dependence, trust, and acknowledgment.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart...

Find two or three other verses in the Old Testament where "the heart" is talked about. In light of those verses, how would you describe what it means to trust with all your heart?

...and do not lean on your own understanding.

Describe a time in your life when you leaned on your own understanding and things didn't go well.

In all your ways acknowledge him...

Synonyms for "acknowledge" are "know, take notice of, hear about, reveal, realize." What kinds of practical activities do you think the author of Proverbs envisions here?

...and he will make straight your paths.

What comes to mind when you think of "straight paths"? Drawing on some of your knowledge of the rest of the Bible, what do you think straight paths represent?

APPLICATION

- Identify – What "paths" does your heart tend to love more than "the LORD"?
- Surrender – What's an area in your life right now where God's calling you to actively lean on his understanding rather than your own?
- Walk – Do you feel like you're "acknowledge[ing] him in all your ways"? Why or why not?
- Return – What is it about the gospel that moves your heart and helps you trust the Lord?

PRAYER

- Spend time thanking God for what he's done for you in Christ.
- Spend time asking for grace to trust in, rely on, and walk with him.