

# Ancient wisdom that works today

## Proverbs 4 – Wisdom's Journey

### 1. How to get going 1 - 4

- Listen
  - Father and Grandfather – Wisdom and the generations
  - There is a tradition of wisdom
  - There is a tradition of the fool, the simple, the sluggard
- Set your heart on the prize that cannot fail
- This is a journey that costs but with brings huge returns
- Jeremiah 6:16 'Stand by the roads and look for the ancient paths'
- Which path will give you everything you want?
- A journey requires a decision and an action
- The Father passes on what has worked for him. The school of life
- 'Amaze them with God'

### 2. How to keep going 5 – 22

- Life is a journey
  - There is no quick fix, it is one step at a time
- Minefield – beware Verse 16 – 17
  - John 8:34 'Everyone who commits a sin is a slave to sin'
  - Matthew 7: 24 - 27
- We will be tempted
  - Our best defence is a good offense –
  - Hope in Jesus
  - Do Not x 6, Keep x 4

### 3. How to avoid getting lost on the way (23 – 27)

- Pay attention, Listen
- Remember life flows from the inside out.
- 'Guard your Heart'
- Put away - Wisdom and the body: heart, mouth, eyes, feet

A garland of grace on your head and a crown of splendour

## Digging Deeper

This would be a good week to share the Lord's Supper together as a group. Reflecting on all the benefits and hope that wisdom brings.

Read Proverbs 4

1. Take a sheet of paper and as a group list the benefits that wisdom brings.
2. Read verse 14 – 19 what do the wicked receive from their actions?
3. How do we value and use the generations that make up our church family? Verse 3
4. Using verses 20 – 27 as a guide for confession as you remember the cross and what Jesus has died for in our place.
5. Reflect on the blessings that come because Jesus is God's wisdom revealed. He suffered, died, rose again and ascended into heaven.
6. What difference does his second coming bring to our lives today?

Kevin Deyoung's book – Amaze them with God is a well worth re-reading as we work through this series. If you have not read it see if someone in the group has a copy, borrow and enjoy the read!