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
 - o 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 –
 - o Hope in Jesus
 - o 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!