

Main Passage: Proverbs 3:1-10

# Theological Theme

God is worthy of our trust and honor above all other things.

#### Introduction

- How would you describe your decision-making ability? Decisive? Indecisive? Confident? Easily swayed? Why?
- What factors in the world have influence over our decisions? How heavily would you say these weigh in your life?

### 1. Value the Word (Proverbs 3:1-4)

Solomon's words in this chapter were the advice of a father to a son. He warned to never forget the Word of God. Many times, the struggles we face in making decisions connects back to a neglect of the Bible. Solomon stressed the importance of valuing the Word and following it with our lives.

- What are some practical ways to value the Word of God each day?
- Why are loyalty and faithfulness important (v. 3)? What specific actions and attitudes reveal that we value loyalty and faithfulness?
- Application: What evidence does your life give of how much you value God's Word? How does this compare to how much you would say you value the Bible?

# 2. Trust the Lord (Proverbs 3:5-6)

To walk rightly with the Lord, we must trust Him. Many people claim to value the Word of God and follow Him, but they don't live in active trust of God. Words are not enough if your life doesn't reflect what you say you believe.

- Where do you tend to have a divided heart when it comes to trusting God?
- Which of these analogies speaks to you most and why? How is God calling you to respond?
- Application: Where do you need to actively invite God to reign in your life today? What might this require you putting off or taking on?

## 3. The Wise Life (Proverbs 3:7-10)

We must not think our wisdom is better than God's. This is directly tied to not leaning on our own understanding. Those who are wise in their own eyes are puffed up in vanity and pride and don't see their need for the Lord.

- How can you know when you are leaning on your own understanding? How can you guard against this on an ongoing basis?
- How have you experienced fear of the Lord as the Bible describes? How does humility draw you further into relationship with and trust of God?
- Application: How does today's study challenge you to live differently regarding your wealth and possessions?

### Conclusion

These words from Solomon to his son are pertinent to our lives today. We are easily distracted and allow our hearts to be divided when it comes to where we place our trust. To live rightly with God, we must seek to have hearts that fully trust Him and value His Word above all else. This requires knowing the Word of God and displaying obedience to it in all of life.

- Where do you need wisdom today? How can you put your trust in God as you seek to make any significant decisions?
- How can we as a group encourage one another to trust God instead of relying on our own understanding?
- How does continual trust of God lead us to share the truth about Him with others?