

# PEFC Weekly Family & Small Group Study Guide

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Paynesville Evangelical Free Church  
Psalms & Proverbs  
*Get Wisdom*  
Proverbs 4



### Big Idea

*Eternal happiness is found in the counsel of Biblical teaching to live in Righteousness!*

1. Follow the counsel of Biblical teaching and its benefits.
2. Follow the counsel of living a righteous lifestyle.
3. Follow the counsel of concentration on righteous living.

### Introduction

Share a time when you wanted something very badly. Why did you want it? What did you do to get it? What was the outcome of getting/not getting what you wanted?

### Bible Study Questions

Have someone read Proverbs 4.

Summarize what guidance the father has for his sons. Why does he emphasize wisdom so much? What are some benefits?

What are some pictures that the father uses to describe wisdom and its benefits? How might these apply in our current day and age? Give an example of how we might apply it today.

What does the father have to say about the wicked in verses 14-17. What are some warnings? What counsel does he give? What do you think Solomon might have been specifically speaking of to his sons? What specific areas could this speak to us today?

Contrast the path of the righteous to the way of the wicked in verses 18-19. What does Solomon use to contrast these two? What are the benefits and pitfalls that this contrast illustrates?

In verses 20-27, Solomon uses multiple parts of the body to illustrate how to follow his righteous counsel. How does right living look in each of these areas? Does he emphasize any as most important? Why?

How does this call to “get wisdom” fit into the big picture of the Biblical story? What does it teach us about God? Mankind? How does it relate to the gospel?

## **Next Steps**

Take a moment to ask God for wisdom for a difficult situation you face today.

Identify a “path of the wicked” that you are being tempted to walk and chose today to take the “path of the righteous.”

List one practical way each to follow righteousness with your ear, eyes, heart, mouth, thoughts, & feet (vs. 20-27).

## **Prayer**

Thank God for providing the path to wisdom and benefits of righteousness. Share life needs within your group and pray for one another. Remember that prayer requests need to remain confidential and not be repeated outside your group without permission.