

	<p style="text-align: center;">WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">– Proverbs 1:5</p> <p>Men have always needed wisdom. We need help to make decisions about work; all relationships – in speech and conduct; who to trust - or avoid; along with being measured by the plumb line of true character. Wisdom from Proverbs offers insight into the concrete experiences of human life that help us take charge of our lives. Proverbs is about how to live out your faith in God. There is no true wisdom apart from Jesus. Fools are those who rely on their own knowledge to navigate life. In this study, we will look and listen to hear God’s voice and see his Son shining through the book of Proverbs. We will be equipped in every way for our journey! So, let’s dig in!</p>	
<p>Highland Colony Men’s Roundtable www.MensTable.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY: Knowing Others- CONFLICT!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A man needs wisdom for his journey. We can find that wisdom in Proverbs as we are pointed to Jesus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 11, 2024</p>
<p>Scripture: Proverbs 14:21; Proverbs 16:2; Proverbs 29:9; Proverbs 26:17-21; Proverbs 17:19; Proverbs 22:10</p> <p>Music: The Beatles - We Can Work It Out - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qyclqo_AV2M</p> <p>Video: Once Brothers - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVw5vnukwJ4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ESPN 30 for 30: "Once Brothers" - A Broken Relationship - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGkdCuQ72fo</p> <p>Resources - <i>GOD’S WISDOM for NAVIGATING LIFE</i> by Timothy Keller <i>PROVERBS FOR YOU</i> by Kathleen Nielson</p>		

KNOWING OTHERS – CONFLICT – PART I

- _____ - Proverbs 14:21 → Unless you resist the natural urge to justify yourself by comparing and looking down at others, your relationships will not survive their normal bumps and turns. Remember: you may have things to learn from people who are flawed but through whom God may be accomplishing his purposes.
- _____ – Proverbs 16:2 → Seeing your part in the rupture can lead to both greater humility and greater gratitude and joy at the same time. The humility about the impurity of our motives should prevent us from being too sure of our position and from speaking too strongly against people on the other side of a conflict (Phil. 3:9).
- _____ – Proverbs 29:9 → Avoid engaging a “*ranter*”—a fool. We are directed to, as much as it is within our control, live at peace with the people around us (Rom. 12:18), even those how rage and scoff.
- _____ - Proverbs 26:17 → It is so easy to be caught up in a conflict that is not your own. If you quarrel with someone whose issue is not with you but with someone else, there is no way to resolve it. A wise person should suspend judgment (you can’t know all the facts) and encourage the parties toward reconciliation.
- _____ – Proverbs 26:18, 19 → Proverbs counsels care in the area of humor. The great danger is that our joke may cross the line into cruelty. The wise person makes quick assessment and refrains if there is any danger.
- _____ – Proverbs 17:19, 26:20, 21 → Some people enjoy debating. Some people are argumentative because they cannot distinguish between essential truths worth contending for and secondary or nonessential issues. Others are argumentative because their pride makes it hard for them to admit when they are in the wrong.
- _____ - Proverbs 22:10 → Mockers’ main currency is the insult, the often hilarious and even brilliant put-down. But insults are produced by wise-in-their-own-eyes arrogance. A community that cares about the nurture of loving relationships should ask the insulter to change—or leave.
- _____ – Proverbs 16:2 → To “judge” someone means to make a final condemnation (not just a critique of something about them), which entails the kind of final knowledge of heart motives that only God has. We should not be naïve, but we should not be constantly, habitually suspicious of people, nor be quick to assign motives of envy, pride, resentment, or greed to someone’s action when we cannot really see into the heart.

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

- What conflict do you wish could be resolved?
- Name 3 rules you follow to avoid or resolve conflict?
- From whom would you seek to counsel to resolve a conflict?



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SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 14:21 - 21 It's criminal to ignore a neighbor in need, but compassion for the poor - what a blessing!

Proverbs 16:2 - 2 Humans are satisfied with whatever looks good; God probes for what is good.

Proverbs 29:9 - 9 A sage trying to work things out with a fool gets only scorn and sarcasm for his trouble.

Proverbs 26:17-21 - 17 You grab a mad dog by the ears when you butt into a quarrel that's none of your business.**18** People who shrug off deliberate deceptions, saying, "I didn't mean it, I was only joking,"**19** Are worse than

careless campers who walk away from smoldering campfires.**20** When you run out of wood, the fire goes out; when the gossip ends, the quarrel dies down.**21** A quarrelsome person in a dispute is like kerosene thrown on a fire.

Proverbs 17:19 - 19 The person who courts sin, marries trouble; build a wall, invite a burglar.

Proverbs 22:10 - 10 Kick out the troublemakers and things will quiet down; you need a break from bickering and griping!

We Can Work It Out – The Beatles

<p>Try to see it my way Do I have to keep on talking till I can't go on? While you see it your way Run the risk of knowing that our love may soon be gone We can work it out We can work it out Think of what you're saying You can get it wrong and still you think that it's alright Think of what I'm saying We can work it out and get it straight, or say goodnight</p>	<p>We can work it out We can work it out Life is very short, and there's no time For fussing and fighting, my friend I have always thought that it's a crime So I will ask you once again Try to see it my way Only time will tell if I am right or I am wrong While you see it your way, There's a chance that we might fall apart before too long We can work it out We can work it out</p>	<p>Life is very short, and there's no time For fussing and fighting, my friend I have always thought that it's a crime So I will ask you once again Try to see it my way Only time will tell if I am right or I am wrong While you see it your way There's a chance that we might fall apart before too long We can work it out We can work it out</p>
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