

## RECAP

**Were you able to share your story with someone this last week? How did you see God glorified as you shared?**

## IDEA 1

Wisdom psalms pick up themes common in wisdom literature (Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes). They teach us how to live and act by focusing on God's law, divine goodness and justice, God's providence in view of the existence of evil, and the fate of the righteous (wise) vs. the fate of the wicked (foolish).

**What has been your experience when reading wisdom psalms or the other wisdom literature?**

**How would you describe wisdom? Would you describe Godly wisdom differently, if so, how?**

**How can following God's wisdom lead to contentment? What does contentment look like in your life?**

## IDEA 2

Psalm 111:10 says, *"Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom."*

**How have you understood what it means to fear the Lord?**

Jennifer talked about how she struggles to view fear without the negative connotations that are so often connected to the word. Yet, she encouraged us to consider the results of fear when we experience it:

- Pausing
- Noticing
- Heightened awareness
- Clarified senses
- Intentional response

## IDEA 2 CONT.

How can healthy fear be the foundation or beginning of wisdom?

How can it motivate us to pursue God's way of living?

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Because the wisdom psalms are designed to be learning poetry, intended for personal and corporate instruction, their tone tends toward reflection, meditation, and contemplation. Jennifer had us engage with Psalm 112 using devotional reading called "Lectio Divina."

How was that experience for you?

Take some time to share and process with each other what God began to show you during this experience.

## NEXT STEPS

Spend some study or devotional time in the wisdom Psalms this week.  
(Psalm 1, 14, 37, 73, 91, 112, 119, 128)

Ask God to open your eyes to see areas where you have been resisting His ways and wisdom.