

Notes | May 18, 2025

# Wisdom in the Starting Line

Life is full of transition. There will be times in your life where you will have to choose between following what may be comfortable or choosing to lean into the wisdom God has for you in a new season. Graduating, getting married, starting a new job, having kids, becoming empty nesters, health changes, losing loved ones, all of these are momentous occasions that require us to look with fresh eyes to what God is saying. It is our job to turn to Him for wisdom rather than turn to ourselves for our own understanding.

## **Key Scripture | Proverbs 9:11-12**

For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life. If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you; if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer

# **Related Scriptures**

Proverbs 1:1-2, Proverbs 9:10, Joshua 4:20-24

### **Icebreakers:**

Q: If you could give your high school self one piece of advice, what would it be?



### **Key Thoughts and Reflections:**

#### **I. New Seasons Require New Wisdom**

- Q: Reflect on a time where you thought you knew it all. What happened? Did you really know it all?
- Q: The name of 12Stone ties back to Joshua 4:20-24. The Israelites set up stones of remembrance in honor of God's faithfulness. Is there a time in your life where you can see evidence of God's faithfulness?
- Q: New seasons bring new questions. What is one question you have struggled with in a season of transition?

#### II. There are two ways to grow: wisdom and pain.

- Q: Pain is EXPENSIVE. There are scars on the other side of pain. What is a lesson you have learned through pain?
- Q: Do you find yourself judgmental of people that are walking through seasons of transition? Why or why not?
- Q: God's wisdom is a difference maker in our lives. Solomon knew this as he was writing the Proverbs to his son Rehaboam. Is there a Bible verse that you love that has given you wisdom? Share it with your group.

#### III. It is important to stay plugged into God's wisdom and know Him personally.

- Q: Is it easy for you to be connected with other believers and cultivate spiritual friendships? Why or why not?
- Q: Do you think it is important to stay in God's word EVERY DAY?
- Q: It is easy to draw answers and conclusions on life from our own desires, thoughts, or what this world tells us. Would you say that right now your faith is your main source of wisdom in your life? If not, what is?

### Get Practical \_\_\_\_\_

Seasons of transition require you to own new aspects of your life and your faith journey. There are many ways to do this, but some of the most important are to get into God's word daily and stay connected in the local church. Spend five minutes each day this week memorizing Proverbs 9:10 or John 15:5. If you need prayer this week or accountability in this, reach out to your small group leader or someone from your campus. You can also text prayer to 37748!