



Week 2

November 16, 2014

Read Proverbs 3:1-12

1. Verse 12 reminds us that the Lord disciplines those he loves. In retrospect, do you see any of the hard times in your life as God's loving discipline?
2. It's important to remember that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Following these principles in Proverbs will not save you or make God love you any more than he already does. However, these principles can make life easier and better for you and those around you. Have you witnessed any spiritual disciplines yield practical benefits in your life or in others' lives?
3. What do you think it means or what does it look like to chisel the good news on your heart and bind it around your neck?
4. The prosperity gospel (which is not Christianity) says that people will always reap benefits if they do what God says. How is this teaching in Proverbs different from the prosperity gospel? ANSWER: These ideas are true, but they are not always true. However, they are ultimately true.
5. What do a people look like if they are leaning on their own understanding? How is this foolish?
6. Read vs. 7 and 8 again. Those words healing and refreshment reminded Hebrew readers of a mother's umbilical cord refreshing a baby in her womb. How does that analogy give added meaning to the text?
7. Read vs. 9-10 again. How might it change our perspective on generosity if we realize God gave his first fruits (his first born son) to us?
8. Nate challenged us on Sunday: "If you want to see the value you have placed on God's gift of Jesus, audit your generosity." Contemplate that thought this week.
9. Have you experienced any of the consequences of an undisciplined life: a lack of success, difficult paths, an unhealthy life, financial struggles? If so, what is the remedy? How can your group pray for you in these areas?

