

Scripture and Background Information for October 7-13

After Sunday, October 7, we would like each group to discuss **Proverbs 8:1-3, 8:33-36**. To prepare for that discussion, group members should use the **Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns, and if possible, watch **Episode 5**. (All of the episodes are here: bit.ly/mckinneyflow.)

Background Information for Proverbs 8:1-3, 33-36

Solomon was the author of the first part of Proverbs including chapter 8. Solomon's purpose was to provide statements that were short, compact, and memorable designed to pass down. Solomon defines the purpose of Proverbs in its opening in 1:2-4. Proverbs are for gaining wisdom, receiving instruction for a prudent life, and giving discretion to the young.

Proverbs 8 is written as if Wisdom is a woman. In this chapter, she issues her invitation, her virtues, and her reward. This chapter gives the reader an idea of how important Wisdom is to both Solomon and God. In fact, choosing to accept God's wisdom can be a life or death issue. For those who pursue wisdom, the rewards are not only for them but for all those with whom they interact. Sharing God's wisdom with others helps to share God's life with others.

Here are the Scriptures for group discussion for the rest of the series:

Week of October 14-20

WONDER

Psalm 65:4-8

Week of October 21-27

CHURCH

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

NOTE: For your group meeting during the week of October 28-November 3, we recommend that your group plan a social event to celebrate what God has been doing in your life and in your group.

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