



Net Group Discussion Guide

Week Two: Responding to Wisdom

INTRODUCTION

This week was all about answering the question: How will we respond to wisdom? The reality is we all have a choice to accept wisdom or not, to fill our minds and hearts with the right things or not. We even have a choice in what we will impart to those we have influence with, because wisdom is never just about us. It's also about those who come after us. Wisdom is meant to be both received and passed on.

GETTING STARTED

Ryan mentioned a quote he often recites to his son: "Smart people learn from their own mistakes, but wise people learn from the mistakes of others". Describe a time in your life you learned from the mistakes of someone else?

THINKING THROUGH IT

- Growing up, did you have a good role model (a parent, teacher, coach, etc) who was able to show you what it looks like to make wise decisions? If so, what are some truths you picked up from them about life? If not, how do you believe that's affected you today?
- How much of your life would you say is spent living wisely versus sharing the wisdom you've attained? What do you think is contributing to that?
- What emotions well up in you when you think about the role you play in influencing the lives of others? What do you believe that response is rooted in?
- How does knowing you have a role in influencing the lives around you change your decision making process?
- Proverbs 12:18 says: "The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing". Relate this verse to how you've engaged those you have influence with. What might this passage say about our own self-talk?
- What are some things you can do to help the knowledge you are attaining move from your head to your heart? How can you ensure it ultimately leads to wisdom?

NEXT STEPS

- What's one thing are you committing to memory or working on for yourself this week?
- What's the one thing you believe to be most important that you want to impart to those you have influence with?