

# THE PROVERBS CHALLENGE

## UNDERSTANDING PROVERBS

The keyword in the Old Testament book of Proverbs is “wisdom.” The book provides wisdom for every area of life at every stage of life. At Hope Church, we define wisdom as the ability to see life from God’s perspective.

Simply stated, Proverbs reveals God’s perspective on everyday life. This includes areas such as relationships, making decisions, leading at home, managing finances, and many others we all face on a regular basis.

The primary author of this book is a man named Solomon. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he used poetry, parables, questions, stories, and sayings to share God’s perspective on the way we live.

*“For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”*  
**Proverbs 2:6**

## A PLAN FOR GROWTH

This summer at Hope Church, we are journeying through this incredible book together. We are calling this journey The Proverbs Challenge. To fully engage in this experiment, we are asking you to do three things:



### ***Daily, devote time to be alone with God in Proverbs.***

There are hundreds of references to wisdom within this book—wisdom shouts, wisdom loves, etc. As we spend time alone with God daily in the book of Proverbs, we are prioritizing His voice above all others. We encourage you to read the Proverb that corresponds to the day of the month (i.e. On June 1, read Proverbs 1).



### ***Weekly, join us for one of our worship services as we teach from Proverbs and spend time with your group discussing Proverbs.***

Each week, one of our pastors will be teaching from the book of Proverbs as a part of our worship gathering. We encourage you to take notes as you sit under these messages. Also, discussing the Bible in community with others helps us understand and apply biblical truths. As we all walk through Proverbs as individuals, we are also going to discuss the Proverbs each week with our group either in person or using technology.



### ***Monthly, embrace a new life rhythm of reading through Proverbs.***

Proverbs has 31 chapters. An easy reading plan to follow is to read the Proverb that corresponds to the day of the month (i.e. On June 1, read Proverbs 1). During this series, we will engage in this rhythm for two months together, but we encourage you as an individual to continue reading through the book of Proverbs each month for the next year and in doing so, embrace a new life rhythm that over the course of the months, will transform your life!

## OTHER IDEAS

**Prayer List** – As God speaks to you about areas in your life or in the lives of others, write those down in a certain plan so you can remember to pray and celebrate as you see God move.

**Scripture Memory** – Hiding God’s Word in your heart is transformational (Psalm 119:11). Select a verse or verses each week that really speak to you and seek to memorize them.