

Sermon Discussion Questions
Wisdom in Chaos: Week 3
Proverbs 3

*Here are some questions to discuss as you think about the message from **Proverbs 3**.*

1. What is the hope that is offered by King Solomon in verses 1-12? Which specific blessings stand out to you? Are those blessings conditional or unconditional?
2. What are the problems that he identifies? What is the root cause?
3. What is the ultimate solution? Why?
4. What does it really mean to trust God? How do you know that you're actually trusting God and not leaning on your own understanding?
5. What does it mean to be "disciplined" by God? What is the purpose?
6. Read John 14:15-31. What is the "if" and what is the "then" in the passage? What role does love play in the process of obeying God's commandments? What role does the Holy Spirit play?
7. Think about your own level of trust in God. How are you doing with trusting God in "all your ways"? Where do you see growth? Where are you struggling?
8. The Bible as a whole gives us several word pictures of trust that illustrate our basic need for attachment and connection to God. Read each of the following passages that describe this type of love. Which picture connects with you personally?
 - John 15:1-17
 - Romans 8:31-39
 - Psalm 139
 - Revelation 2:1-7
9. Continue to think about the decisions you are seeking God's wisdom for in this season of your life. Consider each of the following questions as you think about your next step.
 - How have you processed the decision so far? In what ways have you been in humility "open" to receiving? In what ways have you been "closed"? How might you need to confess?
 - How have you been praying—or not praying? How might your prayers need to change?

- What truths from scripture apply, not just to your situation but to the specific ways you have been approaching your situation?
- In what ways have you sought the counsel of others?
- What is keeping you from moving forward in confidence?

If you'd like to go deeper, spend some time meditating on Ephesians 3:14-21.

Lord,

Forgive me for being closed to receive and relying on my own strength and smart thinking. Help me to want to receive from You. Help me to see and feel the breadth, length, height, and depth of your love for me. I want to know You more. Guide my thoughts. As I think about you, Lord, I want to do more than think about You. I want to think with You. I want to align my heart, mind, soul, and strength with You. Holy Spirit fill me with your fullness. I am open to receive.