

**Sermon Discussion Questions**  
**Wisdom in Chaos: Week 9**  
**Proverbs 16:5-6;18-19**

*Here are some questions to discuss as you think about the message from **Proverbs**. Also consider each of the following passages: **1 John 2:15-17**, **1 Peter 5:1-10**, and **Philippians 2:1-11**.*

1. What is pride? What are some of the ways the Old and New Testament writers describe pride?
2. How do you diagnose your pride? What are some of the tools that God provides?
3. Take a look at your own pride. Consider each of the following attitudes of pride. How can each be considered “pride”? Which ones are present in your life? What might your own “diagnosis” process look like? Think about the role of God’s Word, the Holy Spirit, other people, and your experiences.
  - Pushing
  - Pleasing
  - Pretending
  - Performing
  - Presuming
4. Read **1 Peter 5:5-6**. How does Jesus heal our pride? What does the process look like? What is that only God can do? What is that God calls us to do?
5. What role does your pain and suffering play in the healing process? How can you find joy in the middle of it all?

**Prayer**

*Father, help me to see the glory and beauty of your “mighty hand.” Help me to see that you truly do care for me—regardless of my feelings and my circumstances. Here are my fears and my anxieties. I give them to you. Jesus thanking you for taking this burden from me. Holy Spirit, keep me from holding on to them and remind me that I am a child of God. Help me to live in the joy of that reality!*