

**LEADER GUIDE**

**A STUDY OF  
THE BOOK OF PROVERBS**

# **THE WAY OF WISDOM**

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**Welcome!** Before you read any further, we want to say how thankful we are for you, the leader. Thank you for your willingness to dive into Scripture, brew the coffee, place the chairs, and set aside the time regularly to meet with other women.

*The Way of Wisdom* is a video- and discussion-based Bible study from a team of beloved Bible teachers—Jen Wilkin, Ruth Chou Simons, Kelly Minter, Adrienne Camp, Elizabeth Woodson, and Courtney Doctor. The teaching videos were filmed at a one-day event.

Because of the collaborative nature of this study, we want to encourage you to use this study however it works best for you, your small or large Bible study group, or your women's ministry. We've included a suggested schedule for weekly Bible study meetings.

Each teacher taught and wrote in her own unique style, so you'll see a rich variety of Bible study methods from session to session. Our goal is for this leader guide to help you pull all of that together in a way that fosters deep conversation and prayer.

We want to encourage you to use this study however it works best for you and your group. If you want to follow this leader guide to the letter, do that! If you want to do your own thing, feel free! We want to give you all the tools you might need, but we are certain God has ordained your time with your specific group in your specific setting.

We're grateful for you and praying for you as you lead this study.

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# WEEKLY GROUP MEETING: SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

8 to 9 Group Meetings • Meeting Length: 1.5 hours

**SESSION ONE—INTRODUCTION** Distribute Bible study books, get to know one another, and watch the Session One video.

**SESSION TWO**—Watch the Session Two video and discuss the Session Two personal Bible study.

**SESSION THREE**—Watch the Session Three video and discuss the Session Three personal Bible study.

**SESSION FOUR**—Watch the Session Four video and discuss the Session Four personal Bible study.

**SESSION FIVE**—Watch the Session Five video and discuss the Session Five personal Bible study.

**SESSION SIX**—Watch the Session Six video and discuss the Session Six personal Bible study.

**SESSION SEVEN**—Watch the Session Seven video and discuss the Session Seven personal Bible study.

**SESSION EIGHT**—Watch the Session Eight video and discuss the Session Eight personal Bible study.

**SESSION NINE (OPTIONAL)**—Wrap-up and celebrate.



## HOW TO STRUCTURE YOUR GROUP TIME

Each group session contains the following elements. We've included a suggested amount of time based on a 1.5 hour group meeting. Adjust as you need to for the time you have together!

**GATHER (10 MINUTES)** This is a time to greet and welcome everyone and to get them talking. In each session's discussion guide you're provided with some general icebreaker prompts and/or questions to help participants review the previous week's personal study. Feel free to adapt, skip, or add questions based on the needs of your group.

**WATCH (30–40 MINUTES)** Play the teaching video, encouraging the women to take notes on the Watch pages for that specific session.

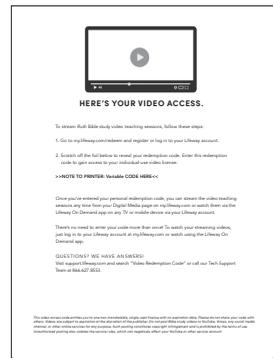
**DISCUSS (30 MINUTES)** You'll find a suggestion of questions for each week in this Leader Guide. Pick and choose the ones you want to discuss with your group. These questions are designed to help you facilitate conversation around the week's Bible study and personal reflection. As you go through your own study during the week, put a star by any questions or statements you might want to discuss with your group.

**CLOSE (10 MINUTES)** Brief closing activity ideas and/or prayer prompts have been provided. You can use this time however you wish to enhance or close the session.

## HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU LEAD.

**HOW TO WATCH YOUR VIDEOS.** The videos for this study are available for streaming through the digital access code on the last page of your Bible study book. Look for the card stock page labeled “Here’s Your Video Access” and follow the two steps that prompt you to enter your unique redemption code to gain your video streaming access.

If your group doesn’t have adequate Internet connection for video streaming, DVD sets are available for purchase at [lifeway.com/wayofwisdom](http://lifeway.com/wayofwisdom).



Each video is intended to be viewed after completing the accompanying week of personal study. We strongly recommend you use the teaching videos as a part of this study.

**GET THE WORD OUT.** Be sure to advertise the study early and utilize all methods for getting the word out. Post it on your church’s website, send emails to potential attendees, and promote it on all forms of social media. It’s best to start advertising the study four to six weeks before it begins. The study is seven sessions long, which means you will meet seven or eight times. Visit [lifeway.com/wayofwisdom](http://lifeway.com/wayofwisdom) for free promotional materials to help get the word out about your study.

**SCHEDULE.** Be sure to make everyone aware of the schedule ahead of time and start promptly each week to honor everyone’s time. In your group time, you will watch the teaching video together and discuss what you’re learning. You’ll also be encouraged to spend a good bit of time in prayer.

**STAY IN TOUCH.** Prepare a sign-up sheet with space for names, email addresses, and phone numbers. You may also include information like birthdays, social media handles, and favorite coffee/tea/dessert so you can foster community among group members.

**GET COZY.** Make an effort to create a comfortable environment for group meetings. Arrange chairs in a circle to encourage conversation. If your group is large, you may want to watch the teaching video together and then split into smaller groups for the discussion time. If you choose to do so, enlist discussion leaders for each group to keep the conversation moving and focused.

**CHILDCARE.** Be sure to check with participants to see if childcare is needed and organize leaders and space for the children in advance.

**BIBLE STUDY BOOKS.** Each participant will need a copy of *The Way of Wisdom* Bible study book. Make sure you leave plenty of time for all the books to be ordered and received between announcing and starting your Bible study. Consider offering a scholarship or buy one-give-one option for those who cannot afford a study book on their own.

**EARLY PREP.** We encourage you to read through the entire leader guide before the first session and evaluate how this will work best for your group. Highlight specific questions from the leader guide that you want to make sure you cover during your group time. We recommend watching the teaching video sessions prior to your meeting, taking note of anything you may want to highlight from the teaching. And be sure you stay on top of your own personal study between each meeting! We've left room in the leader guide for you to write down additional talking points and questions you want to pull in from the personal study.

**PERSONAL STUDY.** There are five days of personal study to complete in the Bible study book between each meeting.

**PRAYER.** Most importantly, be sure to pray for the women who attend the study. And pray for yourself as you prepare to lead. Ask God to draw the women closer to Him as they learn how to walk God's way in God's world.

**EVALUATE.** At the end of each group session, ask yourself: *What went well? What could be improved? Did you see women's lives transformed? Did your group grow closer to Christ and to one another?* Also, do a final evaluation at the close of the study.

**CONNECT.** Find ways to interact and stay engaged with each member of your group throughout the study. Make use of social media, email, text messages, and handwritten notes to encourage them. Continue these connections even after the study ends.

Next, we've provided a discussion guide for each session. Remember, these are simply suggestions for how to use your time together. We want to empower you as you lead to do what is best for your group!



## SESSION ONE

### Introduction: The Beginning of Wisdom

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**GATHER** Welcome participants to the study and distribute Bible study books to each group member.

Invite each woman to introduce herself and share basic get-to-know-you information.

**WATCH** Play the video for Session One. (See “How to Watch Your Videos” on page 5.) Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on pages 12-13 in their Bible study books.

**DISCUSS** Use the information and questions below to debrief the video conversation.

1. What stood out to you from the teachers’ conversation about wisdom?
2. Spend the rest of your time discussing the questions the teachers discussed during their conversation:
  - How should we define *wisdom* and why do we need it?
  - Describe how you understand the difference between godly wisdom and worldly wisdom.

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- If you've been a follower of Christ for a while now, how has the book of Proverbs shaped you?
  
- Who is a wise woman who has encouraged and motivated you? What have you learned from her?

**CLOSE** Ask each group member to think of someone she knows who might benefit from being a part of this Bible study group. Encourage them to reach out to that person and invite her to join for the next group meeting. Then lead the group in a closing prayer.

**REMIND** Encourage group members to complete their personal study for Session Two before the next group meeting.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**



## SESSION TWO: JEN WILKIN

### Two Paths, Two Women

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**GATHER** Welcome participants back to the study. For an icebreaker, ask: *What was your favorite subject in school? Why, and how has that played into the way you spend your days now?*

Invite participants to share any questions they have from their personal study, or share one thing that surprised them or stuck with them this week.

**DISCUSS** the personal Bible study, using the following questions and prompts as a guide. *Leader Note: Jen structures her Bible study so that the teaching will resolve lingering questions from both your personal study and group discussion time, so discuss these questions before you watch the Session Two teaching video.*

1. Observe (question 8, p. 20) Ask group members to read through the list of proverbs in the chart on page 20. Then discuss: How valuable is wisdom according to these passages?
  
2. Apply (question 9, p. 20): What steps have you taken to tie wisdom around your neck and bind it to the tablet of your heart (Prov. 3:3)? How have you seen this positively impact your ability to walk in wisdom?
  
3. Observe (question 10, page 21): Read this passage aloud to your group. Then encourage participants to share how they filled in their charts summarizing the consequences of following and not following Lady Wisdom's advice.

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4. Apply (question 15, p. 23): Ask someone to read the quote from Proverbs 8:17: “Those who seek me [wisdom] *diligently* find [her].” What adjective(s) would best describe your own “search” for wisdom? Why?
  
3. Observe (question 20, p. 26): Read the passage together. Then discuss: How does this section color Lady Folly’s seduction tactics?
  
4. Apply (question 23, p. 28): Read Matthew 4:1-11 out loud, or ask someone to read it for you. How did Jesus respond when He was tempted by the words of Satan? How quickly do you call to mind true words when false words attempt to entice you? What regular practices might help you grow in this ability? Share responses and brainstorm ideas together.
  
5. Observe (question 28, p. 31): Take a few minutes to share observations from the chart on page 31. What stood out to you as particularly noteworthy or surprising?
  
6. Apply (question 29, p. 32): Think of a time in your past when you pursued the path of folly instead of the path of wisdom. What misplaced love did your actions reveal? What did you learn from that experience? Share as much detail as you are comfortable with. (Leader Note: Be prepared to share your own response to encourage vulnerability.)

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**WATCH** Play the teaching video for Session Two. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on pages 34-35 in their Bible study books.

**CLOSE** your group time by discussing the wrap-up questions on page 33 and praying together.

**REMIND** Encourage group members to complete their personal study for Session Three before the next group meeting. Also remind them to learn this session's memory verse, Proverbs 9:10,

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**



## SESSION THREE: RUTH CHOU SIMONS

### Wisdom in Our Words

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**GATHER** Welcome participants back to the study. For an icebreaker, invite group members to share one ridiculous thing they remember someone saying to them as a child, to show the power of our words.

Ask participants to share which day of study they found most interesting and which one had the most impact on them.

**WATCH** Play the teaching video for Session Three. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on pages 66-67.

**DISCUSS** the video teaching and personal Bible study, using the following questions and prompts as a guide.

1. What's one thing Ruth said that stuck with you from the video?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Observe (question 3, p. 40): Ask three separate volunteers to read the passages in the question 3 chart. Based on these few passages (and any others you may be familiar with), how would you summarize the way Jesus uses His words?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Apply: What does Jesus's example teach us about walking the way of wisdom with our words?

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4. Observe (questions 5-7, pp. 43-45): Read an assortment of the proverbs included in Day Two. Then, using the questions and teaching on pages 43-45, discuss together the folly of deceptive and perverse speech. How do these contrast with Jesus's example?
  
5. Apply (questions 12-13, p. 48): Discuss responses to the "Make It Personal" questions.
  
6. Observe (questions 14-16, pp. 49-52): Now read an assortment of the proverbs included in Day Three. Discuss together the folly of gossip, slander, and quarrelsome speech. How do these contrast with Jesus's example?
  
7. Apply (question 19, p. 54): Ask three volunteers to read the passages in the chart. What is the good news? What insight do these texts add to your understanding of walking the way of wisdom with your words?
  
8. Observe (questions 23-24, pp. 56-58): Now read an assortment of the proverbs included in Day Four. Discuss together the folly of bragging and flattery. How do these contrast with Jesus's example?
  
9. Apply (question 25, p. 59): From your personal study and Ruth's teaching, how would you summarize what it means to speak life?

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**CLOSE** your group time by discussing responses to question 33. Ask: *In what areas do you most long for change in the way you use your words? How is the Holy Spirit convicting and guiding you? What can our group do to support and encourage you?* Then close in a time of prayer, specifically lifting up these asks.

**REMIND** Encourage group members to complete their personal study for Session Four before the next group meeting. Also remind them to learn this session's memory verse, Proverbs 18:21,

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue,  
and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**



## SESSION FOUR: KELLY MINTER

### Wisdom in Friendship and Neighborliness

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**GATHER** Welcome participants back to the study. As an icebreaker, discuss the three people you would invite to a dinner party if you could invite anyone.

Ask participants to share which day of study they found most interesting and which one had the most impact on them.

**WATCH** Play the teaching video for Session Four. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on pages 98-99 in their Bible study books.

**DISCUSS** the video teaching and personal Bible study, using the following questions and prompts as a guide.

1. What's one thing Kelly said in the video that stuck with you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Observe (questions 1 and 7, pp. 70-71 and 74): Take a moment to read each of the proverbs listed in questions 1 and 7. Encourage group members to share what they wrote down as their implicit observations.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Reflect (question 10, p. 75): Summarize what the way of wisdom looks like when it comes to being a true friend and neighbor.

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4. Observe (question 14, p. 77): Read the proverbs listed from a variety of translations, if available. Discuss together the aspect of friendship being emphasized, and how these verses inform what it looks like to walk the way of wisdom.
  
5. Reflect (question 18, p. 79): What gets in the way of you being a loyal and constant friend? Write about it below and ask God for the grace and strength to show unfailing love.
  
6. Observe (question 28, p. 84): Read Luke 14:7-14 to your group. Ask a couple of volunteers to share how they summarized verses 12-14. Then discuss how Jesus's example informs wisdom in friendships and neighborliness.
  
7. Reflect: What is one piece of wisdom from the texts on generosity that you want to put into practice? How can your group rally around one another in these efforts? Brainstorm some practical application steps you can take.
  
8. Observe: Read Colossians 3:12-14. Why do you think Paul tells us to put on love "above all"?
  
9. Apply (question 1, p. 97): Discuss what God has taught you about Himself and His way of wisdom through this week's study and Kelly's teaching.

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**CLOSE** your group time in prayer. One of the best opportunities to be a wise friend and neighbor is with the women in your group. Take time to pray for one another, and ask the Lord to help you walk the way of wisdom together starting today.

**REMIND** Encourage group members to complete their personal study for Session Five before the next group meeting. Also remind them to learn this session's memory verse, Proverbs 18:24,

*One with many friends may be harmed,  
but there is a friend who stays closer than a brother.*

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

## SESSION FIVE: ADRIENNE CAMP

## Wisdom at Home

**GATHER\*** Welcome participants back to the study. For an icebreaker, talk about where you would want to live if you could live anywhere in the world.

Ask participants to share which day of study they found most interesting and which one had the most impact on them.

**WATCH** Play the video for Session Five. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on pages 128-129 in their Bible study books.

**DISCUSS** the video conversation and personal Bible study, using the following questions and prompts as a guide.

1. Spend some time discussing the panel conversation. What are some quotes or discussion topics that stood out to you from the panel conversation?

*Leader Note: Adjust the amount of time you spend talking about certain relationships—like marriage and parenting—based on the make up of your group. (For example: If your group is single women, you'll want to spend more time discussing their relationships with their parents and their church family. If empty nesters, discuss aging parents or mentoring younger women, and so on.)*

2. Observe (question 7, p. 105): Ask three volunteers to read the proverbs listed in question 7. What are the key takeaways for you as you think about wisdom in your home?
3. Reflect (question 8, p. 106): What are you teaching from the way you behave in your home or among family? Discuss responses and areas for improvement.

*\*Leader Note: Before your group meeting, make photocopies of the following page (page 19) to distribute to your group members.*



Better a dry crust with peace  
than a house full of feasting with strife.  
Proverbs 17:1

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Peace is an essential quality that we must model to our children and others. Put an X over the things in the list below that are causing disunity/discord in your family relationships and circle the things promoting unity/oneness.

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|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------|
| Kindness               | Self-seeking                 | Unresolved Conflict  |            |          |
| Dramatic Reactions     | Collaboration                | Patience             |            |          |
| Avoidance              | Harshness                    | Self-control         |            |          |
| Honoring Individuality | Support & Encouragement      |                      |            |          |
| Pride                  | Jealousy                     | Mutual               | Respect    | Laziness |
| Gentleness             | Discernment                  | Gossip               | Integrity  |          |
| Thoughtlessness        | Legalism                     | Forgiveness          | Honesty    |          |
| Lack of Self-awareness | Willingness to Change        | Neglect              |            |          |
| Conceitedness          | Irritability                 | Hiddenness/Deceit    |            |          |
| Stubbornness           | Distractions                 | Humility             | Quarreling |          |
| Diligence              | Believing the Best           | Servanthood          |            |          |
| Wise Advice            | Unrepentance                 | Emotional Regulation |            |          |
| Adaptability           | Thoughtfulness Toward Others |                      |            |          |

Although none of us will ever get it right all the time, habits and patterns can be discerned by observing our behavior. The aim of this list isn't for us to feel hopeless as we acknowledge our shortcomings. But as we posture ourselves in humility, wisdom will help us see a clearer picture of how to move forward, promoting peace, unity, and love in our homes.

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4. Reflect: As you look over the worksheet you just filled out, what stands out to you? Which of the circled attributes need work in your life? Does anything with an "X" on it feel convicting today?
  
5. Observe (question 27, p. 123): What truth does Paul's teaching add to your understanding of the way of wisdom?
  
6. Reflect (question 27, p. 123): How can you apply this type of discernment in your home and your family relationships?

**CLOSE** your group time by discussing the wrap-up questions (p. 127). Consider splitting up into small groups of 2-3 women to discuss ways they can apply this week's teaching to their specific family relationships and home dynamics.

**REMIND** Encourage group members to complete their personal study for Session Six before the next group meeting. Also remind them to learn this session's memory verse, Proverbs 24:3-4,

*A house is built by wisdom,  
and it is established by understanding;  
by knowledge the rooms are filled  
with every precious and beautiful treasure.*

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

## SESSION SIX: ELIZABETH WOODSON

### Wisdom in Work, Wealth, and Leadership

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**GATHER** Welcome participants back to the study. As an icebreaker, discuss: *What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?*

Ask participants to share which day of study they found most interesting and which one had the most impact on them.

**WATCH** Play the teaching video for Session Six. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on pages 152-153 in their Bible study books.

**DISCUSS** the video teaching and personal Bible study, using the following questions and prompts as a guide.

1. What's one thing Elizabeth said that stuck with you from the video?
  
2. Observe (question 1, p. 133): Ask a volunteer to read Proverbs 10:22. Who is the ultimate source of our wealth? Discuss why this can be so hard for us to remember in day-to-day life.
  
3. Reflect (question 6, pages 134-135): Read Matthew 6:25-33 aloud. What does our relationship with wealth reveal about who we consider to be the source of our wealth? What biblical truth can we hold onto to bring us back to a wise perspective?

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4. Observe (question 7, p. 136–137): Ask a group member to read Proverbs 11:24–25 from the CSB (p. 136). What does this proverb teach us about a foolish use of money? What does this proverb teach us about a wise use of money? What will happen when we walk in the way of wisdom?
  
5. Reflect: Read Matthew 25:35–40 to your group. What do the words of Jesus teach us about why we should use our wealth to serve others? Come up with one way your group can pool resources to serve a fellow group, church, or community member.
  
6. Observe (question 14, p. 141): Ask a few volunteers to read Proverbs 6:6–11 in the CSB, ESV, NIV, and NLT translations. (Consult a Bible app if needed!) Share the observations you noted on your chart. What is the warning that is being provided in these verses?
  
7. Reflect (question 15, p. 141): What are some reasons why we can be tempted to choose laziness over diligence in our work? Which of these has been true in your life? Explain why.
  
8. Observe (question 21, p. 145): Invite three group members to read the proverbs printed on page 145. What repeated theme do you see? Why is integrity an essential characteristic for wise leaders?
  - What happens when a person’s leadership lacks integrity? Share the examples you came up with.

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9. Reflect (question 23, p. 146-147): Share how you filled out the chart on page 146. What are some things that can tempt us to embody the characteristics in the second column? When have you experienced these temptations?

**CLOSE** your group time by discussing the wrap-up questions on page 151 and praying together.

**REMIND** Encourage group members to complete their personal study for Session Seven before the next group meeting. Also remind them to learn this session's memory verse, Proverbs 22:29,

*Do you see a person skilled in his work?  
He will stand in the presence of kings.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

## SESSION SEVEN: COURTNEY DOCTOR

### Training a Wise Heart

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**GATHER** Welcome participants back to the study. As an icebreaker, encourage group members to share about something they've trained incredibly hard for.

Ask participants to share which day of study they found most interesting and which one had the most impact on them.

**WATCH** Play the teaching video for Session Seven. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on pages 178-179 in their Bible study books.

**DISCUSS** the video teaching and personal Bible study, using the following questions and prompts as a guide.

1. What's one thing Courtney said that stuck with you from the video?
2. Observe (question 1, p. 156): Ask someone to read Proverbs 27:19.  
What is the comparison being made? What do you think it means?
3. Reflect (question 8, p. 159): Encourage group members to share their responses to this question.
4. Observe (question 12, p. 162): Read Proverbs 7:1-3 aloud to your group. Then take some time to discuss responses to the questions on page 162. What are key takeaways you have from this passage and Courtney's questions?

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5. Reflect (question 15, p. 163): Do you struggle most in the knowing, treasuring, or keeping and obeying of God's Word? Why do you think this is? What are some steps you can take to grow in that area? Brainstorm together!
  
6. Observe (questions 16-18, pages 164-166): Ask a volunteer to read Proverbs 2:1-6, then discuss what you learned from the questions and responses on pages 165-166.
  
7. Reflect: In the teaching video, Courtney emphasized the teaching to "get wisdom" (Prov. 4:7). How can we make the pursuit of wisdom a more active part of our day-to-day lives? Look over your notes from Day Five as you discuss this together.

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**CLOSE** your group time by sharing responses to the wrap-up questions on page 177, then praying together.

**REMIND** Encourage group members to complete their personal study for Session Eight before the next group meeting. Also remind them to learn this session's memory verse, Proverbs 3:5-6,

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own understanding;  
in all your ways know him,  
and he will make your paths straight.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**



## SESSION EIGHT: JEN WILKIN

### A Portrait of Wisdom

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**GATHER** Welcome participants back to the study.

Ask participants to share which day of study they found most interesting and which one had the most impact on them.

**DISCUSS** the personal Bible study, using the following questions and prompts as a guide.  
*Remember: Discuss these questions before you watch the Session Eight teaching video.*

1. Observe (question 5, pp. 183-184): Discuss together the observations you made in the father and mother chart. What stood out to you as you compared these wise sayings?
2. Apply (question 6, p. 185): Who has mothered or fathered you toward wisdom? How is wisdom from both our fathers and our mothers (whether literal or spiritual) beneficial to us? What do we lose if we learn primarily from only one or the other?
3. Observe (question 9, p. 187): Read Proverbs 31:8-9 out loud, together as a group (from the NIV or the printed verse on p. 187). Then discuss: Why is this admonition important for a king to heed, in particular? What king in the Bible does exactly what is being encouraged here? Read Luke 4:14-21 out loud as a group.

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4. Apply (question 10, p. 187): You may not be a great ruler, but what power, influence, and resources have you been entrusted to steward? How might you use them to help the voiceless and the poor? Give one example of how you have seen someone of your level of influence or income do this well. Consider also brainstorming how your group could do this together.
  
5. Observe (question 22, p. 193): Read Proverbs 31 out loud, splitting up the verses among group members. Discuss what you learned as you walked through these verses in Days Three and Four of your study, along with your responses to question 22.
  
6. Apply (question 23, p. 194): Which of the virtues of the Proverbs 31 woman come most naturally to you? Which of them challenge you to grow? Discuss responses together and encourage one another to continue to pursue the way of wisdom in these virtues.

**WATCH** Play the teaching video for Session Eight. Encourage participants to take notes or jot down questions on pages 202-203 in their Bible study books.

**CLOSE** your group time by discussing the wrap-up questions on pages 200-201 and praying together.

**REMINDE** If you're having a study wrap party or final gathering, make those plans now! Also remind your group members to learn this session's memory verse, Proverbs 31:30-31,

*Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting,  
but a woman who fears the Lord will be praised.  
Give her the reward of her labor,  
and let her works praise her at the city gates.*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

## **FINISHING WELL**

**NEXT STEPS** Even after the study concludes, follow up and challenge women to stay involved through another Bible study, church opportunity, or anything that will continue their spiritual growth and friendships. Provide several options of ministry opportunities members can participate in individually or as a group to apply what they have learned through this study.



## VIDEO ACCESS STUDY

# INTRODUCING BIBLE STUDIES with VIDEO ACCESS INCLUDED!

As trends in media consumption change from DVDs to streaming video, Lifeway made the decision to invest in technology that would allow for Bible studies to be accessed through mobile devices and smart TVs in addition to our website.

The concept of a Bible study book with video access allows us to use the technology to give all participants easier access to teaching videos. This will alleviate a concern we have heard from many group leaders of members who stop coming to their group after they miss a week of study.

### **How will customers access the videos that come with their Bible study book with video access?**

There is a unique access code printed in each Bible study book. They will access their video content at [my.lifeway.com](http://my.lifeway.com) or through the Lifeway On Demand app.

### **How long will they have access to the videos that come with their Bible study book?**

There is no expiration date on the video access that comes with their Bible study book. They'll be able to access it as long as it is available through our Lifeway On Demand video apps.

### **What are the benefits of video access being included in each Bible study book?**

- This provides more flexibility for group meeting time. Groups now have the option to have group members watch video sessions outside of group meetings to allow more time for discussion.
- If a group member misses a weekly group meeting due to sickness or travel, they will be able to access the video content on their own and continue in their study.
- Group members can re-watch video sessions that were particularly impactful on their own time.

- This simplifies what a group leader needs to facilitate Bible study. You'll now get everything you need with just the Bible study book.
- Our goal is to provide an affordable option for both individuals and churches who are looking for Bible study options.

### **What do churches and individuals need to lead a group?**

Each group member will need a Bible study book, which will include video access. There is also a DVD option for groups who want a non-streaming viewing option. In addition, select studies provide a Video Streaming – Group option for groups who choose not to use the Bible study books. For the best experience, we recommend each group member have a Bible study book.

### **When do group leaders need a DVD Set?**

Because the Bible study book includes video streaming access, the purchase of the DVD set is optional (not essential) for group leaders. This option is for groups who may not have reliable streaming internet access.