



The Bible at 30,000 Feet Wisdom & Worship

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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THE BIBLE AT 3000 FEET: THE BIG PICTURE

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Job - Song of Songs

GETTING STARTED

The books of **Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs** are often called the *Wisdom and Worship Books*. They shift focus from Israel's national story to deep, personal questions about life, suffering, purpose, and devotion. These books don't follow a formula; they invite us into real human experiences—grief, joy, doubt, love—and show us how to live wisely in a broken world.

Rather than giving quick answers, they offer *frameworks* for understanding life through God's eyes. They teach that true wisdom begins not with information, but with the fear of the Lord—a deep reverence for God as Creator, Redeemer, and King.

- Why do you think the Bible includes books that wrestle with suffering, doubt, and desire?
- How is wisdom different from just having knowledge or information?

INTO THE WORD

Job

Job is a man who loses everything yet refuses to curse God. His story explores *why good people suffer*. Job cries out for answers, and God responds—not with explanations, but with a powerful reminder of His wisdom and sovereignty (Job 38–42). Job repents, and restoration follows. This book teaches us to trust God, even when we don't understand.

Psalms

A collection of 150 poems that express every human emotion. Psalms is the Bible's worship manual, filled with songs of *lament, praise, thanksgiving, and hope*. It reminds us that we can come to God honestly—in grief or joy—and still declare His goodness.

Proverbs

Proverbs offers practical wisdom for living in tune with God's design. It teaches that *wisdom is not a guarantee of success*, but a way to live rightly. Wisdom is personified as a woman calling out to all who will listen (Proverbs 1–9). The “fear of the Lord” is the beginning of true knowledge.

Ecclesiastes

The Teacher looks at life's pleasures, work, and wisdom and finds them all fleeting—like vapor (hevel). The message: life is unpredictable, and human control is limited. His final advice? *Fear God and keep His commandments* (Eccl. 12:13).

Song of Songs

A poetic celebration of love, longing, and intimacy. It honors the gift of love as God intended it—pure, powerful, and personal. It also hints at the deep longing of humanity to be truly known and loved.

- Can trusting God and questioning Him happen at the same time? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to worship God through all seasons—both good and hard?

GOING DEEPER

Wisdom isn't about having all the answers—it's about walking with God through every season of life. These books invite us to worship honestly, live humbly, love deeply, and trust fully.

Key idea: *Wisdom begins and ends with God.*

- Why do you think the “fear of the Lord” is called the beginning of wisdom?
- In what areas of your life do you need God's wisdom right now?

PRAYER

Dear God

Thank You for Your Word, which speaks to every part of life—our questions, our worship, our pain, and our love. Thank you that you remind us that Your wisdom is greater than our understanding. Help us to seek You in every season—whether we're rejoicing, doubting, or waiting. Teach us to fear You, trust You, and live each day with Your wisdom as our guide.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.