STUDY GUIDE

WISDOM FOR LIFE 05.12.2019

[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week: Pearl Island Team #1 (May 14-28)

[set up]

From the 5 points in the sermon, where are you doing best and where do you need the most growth?

[digging deeper]

Split up into groups of two or three. Set a timer for 3 minutes. From Proverbs 10-30, see how many separate topics you can find that relate to parenting.

Since Proverbs is meant to be taught to kids, they can be a great tool for family devotions. Do a role play in your group. One person is the parent and the rest are kids. Open your Bible to any random, single-verse Proverb in chapter 10-30, read it aloud, and practice having a conversation like you might with your kids. (Others in the group – don't make it easy on them.)

Read Deuteronomy 6:5-7. Have some conversation about what it means for a child—in different stages of life—to Love God....

- ...with all of their heart.
- ...with all of their soul.
- ...with all of their strength.

Read that section again. How can you, parent, follow the instruction in verse 7? Work out a list of at least 25 ways to obey this command. Don't cheat! Push until you get 25.

[living it out]

We all need to invite accountability into our parenting. We won't always agree on parenting style, but we need others to encourage us and challenge us when we are not obeying the commands in Deuteronomy 6 and training them in the path of wisdom.

As you consider the list of 25 action steps, commit to 5 of them as a family. Even if your LifeGroup is not meeting, follow up with one another on those 5 areas.