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Small Group Discussion *God's Story: Solomon*

Dec. 12 - Dec. 16

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- II. Wisdom ultimately comes from God. Read <u>Proverbs 9:10.</u> What does this passage mean? Notice now the contrast between wisdom and its benefits, and folly as described in <u>Proverbs 9:11-18.</u> Explain how a new Christian learns to leave this previous life of foolishness (folly) and walk in God's way of wisdom? What does this typically look like? How can we help new Christians make wise choices and avoid foolish ones? Be specific.
- III. Now go over to <u>Proverbs 14</u> and read each verse, clarifying the contrast made between the wise and the foolish. Which verses most speak to you personally in chapter 14? Anyone have an example of where you saw God change you from foolishness to godliness and wisdom?

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