



study questions

Use these questions in your community group time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:1-7 NIV

1. How would you define wisdom? Would you consider yourself wise? Why or why not?
2. What surprised you about the history of the New Age Movement? What is the appeal of the New Age Movement and Eastern religious practices today?
3. What's the danger of a self-oriented belief system? How can we as Christians slip into that way of thinking at times?
4. Have you ever unconsciously (or consciously, for that matter) adapted Eastern religious thinking to your way of life? Whether in big or small ways, did you feel an impact? What would the bible say about that way of thinking? (For example, if I put good out in the world, I'll get good back: karma.)
5. What is lacking in New Age and Eastern Religions compared to Christianity? Is there room for wisdom, logic, and questioning in these religious practices? Are there personal relationships?
6. Has this knowledge of another belief system challenged your faith? Strengthened your faith? Stretched your faith?
7. How can we be praying for each other in terms of our faith journey?

THE NEW AGE MOVEMENT AND STAR WARS MUSINGS

Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-5