



Covenant Community Groups – Interactive Study Guide Week of September 7, 2008

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- Proverbs 3:1-12

2. Questions:

- Initial thoughts/questions?
- What is faith? How does Solomon describe faith in verses 5-6? How would you describe faith to someone not familiar with the Bible/God/Christianity?
- What does it mean to “acknowledge” God (v. 6)? Practically, how can we do that?
- Think of a recent situation that tested your faith. Compare your perception of that situation to what God’s perception may be. Why does faith refuse to rely on man’s understanding or perception (v. 5)?
- Solomon says God will “make your paths straight” (v. 6). What does that mean? What does it not mean?
- When have you felt least in control of your life? When have you felt most in control? In either, were you ever really in control?
- What difference does acknowledging God’s presence, character and word make in your life? What difference does it make in difficult, faith-testing situations?

3. Break into smaller groups of men and women to share and pray

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