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Introduction

This week, we wrap up our series, “The Wiser Way.” Everyone wants a better life, but not everyone chooses the wiser way. The book of Proverbs shows us that wisdom isn’t just knowledge, it’s a way of living that leads to life, clarity, and direction. In this series, we’ll explore where wisdom begins, how to guard your heart, why your words matter, what it means to trust God, and how discipline shapes your future.

Main Idea: Faithfulness is developed through consistent, ordinary obedience—showing up in today’s assignment, working diligently, and resting with trust in God. We are invited to release anxiety about tomorrow and live with daily dependence on God’s provision and mercies.

Key Scriptures: Proverbs 6:6-11

- Share about a time when steady, consistent effort made a difference—in work, relationships, or your spiritual life.
- Which comes more naturally for you: working hard or resting well? Why do you think that is?

DISCUSSION

Read Proverbs 6:6–11

- What stands out to you in the example of the ant?
- How does this passage challenge the way we think about motivation and personal responsibility?
- Where in your life are you tempted to put things off, and what excuses come up for you?
- The ant prepares for the future by working diligently today. What does wise preparation look like? How is it different from anxious over-control?

Read Matthew 6:33–34

- How do Jesus’ words about not worrying connect to the call to diligence in Proverbs?
- What does it look like for you to focus on “today’s assignment”?
- How can you recognize when you’re carrying tomorrow’s burdens rather than trusting God with them?
- People often fall into two traps: putting things off for another day, or trying to control everything about tomorrow. Which tendency do you relate to more, and why?

Read Matthew 11:28–30

- What burdens are you carrying in work, home, or spiritually?
- How can you receive rest from Jesus, even while staying committed to your responsibilities?

Read Lamentations 3:22–23

- How does God's promise of new mercies each morning shape your approach to daily work and rest?
- Where in your life have you experienced God's faithfulness in ordinary moments?

APPLICATION

- What is one ordinary act of faithfulness you sense God inviting you to take today—at work, at home, or in your walk with Him?
- How can this group support or pray for you as you seek to be faithful in the small things?