## Ice breaker idea

Name a wise person and say why you thought of them.

### What is Wisdom?

Watch Youtu.be/ct1oz3qEUDA where the plane crash-landed on the Hudson River.

How did the pilot show wisdom?

Get the group to describe situations when they have had to make wise choices under pressure.

Maybe go onto discuss what helped them make those wise choices. (Previous skill/training/experience/wise advice/time with God….)

How would you define Wisdom?

Sally talked about wisdom being closely linked to character. Do you agree?

### How do we get wisdom?

Read Proverbs 2 – You may wish to start with 1-11 and go on to the second half if you have time.

What does wisdom do for us?

What is the passage suggesting we need to do to get wisdom?

How do we translate this to us today – what practical suggestions can the group come up with?

Sally talked about how she feels one application of this passage letting Gods words ‘sink in deep and change you’

This is because it says ‘store up my commands within you’ and ‘apply your heart to understanding’

She talked about using a journal to reflect on what God is saying.

### Walking with the wise

Ch13v2- says ‘Become wise by walking with the wise, hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces’

Can you think of an example of someone in your life who has been influential in teaching you wisdom?

How does this apply to our lives today?

* Think about both people we are learning from, encouraging and even mentoring.
* Many of the group will be influencing children and young people either as parents or by leading children’s and young people.
* Others may be influencing and teaching as part of their jobs.
* Housegroup is an obvious place that we ‘walk with the wise’ so people may come up with times when the group has helped them.

### Prayer application

* God gives wisdom – wait on him and ask him for wisdom!
* Some of the group may have specific challenges they feel they need Gods wisdom for.
* Before the meeting why not read Proverbs 4 and see if God gives you any specific verses to pray for members of the group.
* Walking with the wise -prayer for those who are influencing and mentoring in some way or other.