What are the Wisdom Books? Five books are generally categorized as wisdom literature: Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Sirach, and the Wisdom of Solomon. Although the literary style between these books varies, much of wisdom literature is characterized by short, pithy sayings like “Pride goes before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18). The general focus of wisdom literature is a reflection on the realities of life, for example: how to cope with suffering (Job), finding order amidst what appears to be random, and dealing with the ambiguities of life. Wisdom literature attempts to pass on advice, warnings, insights, or moral exhortations that have proven to be helpful to others in the past.

1) Chapter Six (ending) – What does the author promise to reveal about Wisdom in 6:22?

2) Chapter Seven – How does Solomon’s words inspire you to seek Wisdom? How can you share with others the value of Wisdom?

3) Chapter Eight – What virtues does Wisdom teach? Which virtues of Wisdom do you possess? Which would you like to have?

4) Chapter Nine – What is your favorite prayer? How does Solomon present himself to God in this prayer? How does Solomon seek Wisdom as a companion?

5) Chapter Ten – What does Wisdom do for the just person? Which leader does verse 16 refer to? How did Wisdom help him lead the people out of slavery and oppression?

6) Chapter Eleven – Who is the holy prophet referred to in verse 1? In what ways do you thirst spiritually?

7) Chapter Twelve – What things would you identify today as idolatrous? What desires do you struggle with that distract you from being faithful to God’s plan for you?

8) Chapter Thirteen – How does nature prompt you to reflect on God’s greatness? Is there a place in nature you like to go to pray?

9) Chapter Fourteen – Have you ever placed your hopes and dreams in the wrong person? How can you be more open to God’s love and mercy?

10) Chapter Fifteen – What makes it difficult to remember that we are co-creators and not the source of creation? What are the consequences of forgetting that we are not the source of creation?
11) **Chapter Sixteen** – What is the most important nourishment God gives to us? What reminds you to give gratitude to God?

12) **Chapter Seventeen** – What is the price we pay for trying to hide our sins from God? How does the light of Christ help you when you are experiencing a dark spiritual period?

13) **Chapter Eighteen** – When tragedy occurs are you most likely to question God or put your faith in him? What are the first things people do when a tragedy occur?

14) **Chapter Nineteen** – What has the book of Wisdom taught you about God’s ways?

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June 19th, 26th / July 17th, 31st
August we will return to meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.