



### **Wisdom for living**

This week we come to our last study in Proverbs. In many ways we have only scratched the surface of the 31 chapters and 800-ish individual proverbs. Nonetheless, we have hopefully become more familiar with the themes underlying the book and the practical wisdom offered in a number of important areas.

### **Start with prayer**

Perhaps each share one thing that has struck you about 'wisdom' during this series?

### **Read Proverbs 31:10-31 with the following question in mind:**

In this description of the 'wife of noble character' what do you notice that resonates with other verses we have looked at in Proverbs (perhaps make a note of them as you go).

*Further questions:*

Do you think we are meant to see this woman as real person or as a poetic representation? How does the stated audience of the book help us in understanding this conclusion to the book?

*(You may notice a footnote in your Bible for these verses indicating that they are structured as an acrostic poem - this gives a further hint that this is a deliberately poetic conclusion to the book, collecting together the themes of Proverbs.)*

What strikes you about this woman's qualities and her concerns? Which areas of her life do you most admire or long to grow in?

### **Colossians 2:2-3**

How does this passage build on the ideas of Proverbs?

If the young man is to desire wisdom personified as the 'wife of noble character' how might we respond to this description of Jesus in Colossians 2?

What would it look like to delight in God's wisdom as we conclude our series in Proverbs?

**Pray in the passage**