

## Personal Application and Group Interaction

To whom do you go when you need advice? Who are your regular wisdom mentors? When have you sought someone out for special counsel?

How do you respond to wise counsel when it goes contrary to your intended direction?

When have you felt like you were experiencing your own version of the “suffering of Job”?

Recall a time when you may have sounded like one of Job’s well-intentioned but misguided friends. What did you do about it?

God’s only answer to Job was a fresh glimpse of Himself. How has that kind of Rx helped you with your own impossible pain and suffering?

How do Psalms and Proverbs “work” in your everyday life? When do you usually go to them? How do you handle it when you don’t get the kind of answers you were seeking when you opened the Book? (Please be specific about your encounters with God that challenged you or changed your direction from your time spent in Psalms and Proverbs)



## Choose “Street Smart”

Proverbs 1:20

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Where do you go when you need some wise advice? Whose council have you sought to confirm a decision or challenge your thought process along the way? How do you handle the input of trusted people with years of experience?

They go by different descriptive titles: they're called "The Poetical Books" and they are also referred to as "Wisdom Literature." This morning we will take a brief look at the books of Job, Psalms, and Proverbs in the Bible. We will consider the very important place God intends for these books to have in our everyday relationship to Him.

**Job: "when bad things happen to good people"**

"A Cosmic Contest"

"Job on Trial" or "with friends like this...."

Where are we in this picture?

God's answer to a most perplexing question:

**Psalms:**

Songs from the heart:

Structure:

Categories:

How to read the Psalms:

**Proverbs: common and uncommon sense**

A Godly parent's urgent plea!

The roads we choose

The case for prudence