

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:

4. Read Proverbs 2. There are obvious benefits from seeking wisdom according to this chapter. Which benefits speak to you the most? How does applying Proverbs 2:1-22 help you to live with “no regrets”?

## TAKING IT HOME

1. How would you summarize today’s homework in simple terms?
2. Which is the most difficult for you to believe: (1) believing that God is the source of life-giving wisdom, (2) believing that applying God’s wisdom can restrain people from doing evil, or (3) believing that God blesses those who walk in fear of the Lord? Explain your answer.
3. As a group, circle back to the topic of regret. For those who feel comfortable sharing, talk about an area where you feel like regret is holding you back. After sharing, pray for one another.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

**Series:** “Reset: Getting Your Life Back On Track

**Message #4:** “When You Miss a Promising Opportunity”

**Speaker:** Pastor Mark Brunott

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## MESSAGE NOTES:

1. Introduction
2. When you have missed a promising opportunity:
  - Replace regret with **grace**.
  - Replace fear with **faith**.
  - Replace slow to action with **fast** to action.
  - Replace not listening to God with **listening** to God.
  - Replace focusing on the past with focusing on the **future**.
3. To become who God wants you to be:
  - Understand that you have not reached the point of **total** maturity.
  - Put the **past** behind you.
  - Press on toward **the reward**.

## Action step from today’s sermon:

Identify a regret you have from a past decision in your life. Review the Apostle Paul’s three-part plan (presented by Pastor Mark in today’s sermon). Ask God to help you to apply this plan toward that regret.

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### QUICK REVIEW

On behalf of Tom Schindler and the Life Group homework writing team, we're super excited about the new Life Group season. Please know that we've been praying for you and that we remain committed to providing useful, complimentary sermon-based studies that will take your group deeper into God's Word.

### MY STORY

1. When you think over the last week, what is one way you feel like you managed your time in a healthy and productive way? What was the worst use of your time?
2. Do you have a tendency to regretfully second guess your actions or are you more prone to move forward quickly without thinking about the lessons that could be learned from your experience? Explain your answer.

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### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read these verses: Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 2:6, James 1:5.  
According to these verses, where does life-giving wisdom come from? Why is knowing this foundational for pursuing a life that is on track?
2. In your thinking, what is lost or gained in knowing that the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom? In other words, what are the challenges associated with someone believing and applying this fundamental truth to their life?
3. Read Proverbs 1, yes the whole thing! What is the outcome for ignoring wisdom? How does this passage correlate with Pastor Mark's use of Ephesians 5:16 which says, "...make the most of every opportunity *in these evil days*? Suggestion: look at Proverbs 1:8-19 and note all the ways evil can overwhelm someone who is not acting wisely.