

## PREVIEW TO SESSION 2

### Words of Wisdom

#### A. DESCRIPTION

Ideas about wisdom and wisdom traditions contribute to our Western heritage. This is, in part, due to the influence that the biblical text that has exerted in our cultural development. However, the vocabulary of wisdom found in the Bible (and in the Old Testament in particular) does not entirely overlap with modern ideas. Attention is paid in this session to building a vocabulary of wisdom, considering both biblical nuances and the notion of biblical wisdom literature.

#### B. TARGETS

Learners who successfully complete this session will . . .

1. Offer a general definition of wisdom.
2. Identify seven Hebrew words and one Greek word that shoulder the idea of “wisdom” in the Old Testament.
3. Recognize that biblical wisdom is multifaceted and corresponds only in part to what we usually think of today as wisdom.

#### C. ASSIGNMENTS

Before the beginning of this session, all learners must . . .

1. Study Proverbs 1:1-6
2. Read BO (hereafter, BO = our textbook by Bartholomew and O’Dowd) 13-31
3. Begin memorizing Prov 2:1-8. Use the version linked [here](#).
4. Complete the worksheet for Session 2 and bring a paper copy of this work to class. It will be collected in the first few minutes of the meeting.

#### D. FOR FURTHER STUDY