

“Fountain of Life” The Book of Proverbs

Summer 2020 (June 14 - August 30)

Series Overview: Are you feeling it? With all that’s happening in our world, stress levels are high, and many of us are feeling weary... exhausted...confused. This summer, let’s pause and allow God to refresh our souls through the 3,000-year-old wisdom of Proverbs. Throughout the book, wisdom is referred to as “the fountain of life”—exactly what we need when we’re empty and dry. Come and drink deeply from the fountain of life.

Topics that we’ll be addressing include: Pursuing Wisdom, Humility & Pride, Good Sex/Bad Sex, The Power of Words, Making Decisions, Wealth & Greed, Diligence & Laziness, Good Friends/Bad Friends, The Wisdom of Compassion, Leading Wisely, Controlling Anger, and Everything in Moderation.

LECTIO DIVINA

This summer, we encourage you and your group to use Lectio Divina to discuss the Sermon message.

Directions for Lectio Divina: Use the provided passages to guide your group in a discussion of the sermon topic.

1. Have one person read the passage slowly.
2. Meditate on the passage silently for one minute.
3. Share key words, phrases, situations, or emotions you notice in the passage.
4. Repeat steps 1-3, reading with fresh eyes, and share any new observations or insights.
5. When done, discuss HOW you can apply what you learned from the Scripture and your group discussion. Be specific. Share one or two action steps you will take. Consider what you can do as an individual, and also together as a Small Group. End your time in prayer, asking the Lord to direct your steps and for His Spirit to empower you in action.

WEEK 1: “Pursuing Wisdom” Proverbs 1:1-7

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

²for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight;

³for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair;

⁴for giving prudence to those who are simple,^[a] knowledge and discretion to the young—

⁵let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—

⁶for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.^[b]

⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools^[c] despise wisdom and instruction.

Supplementary Scriptures for your discussion: In addition to the main Scripture passage, you can use these verses to enrich your discussion.

Proverbs 18:4

“The words of the mouth are deep waters, but the fountain of wisdom is a rushing stream.”

Proverbs 29:25

“Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.”

Proverbs 9:8

“Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you.”

1 Cor. 1:20-24

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.