

“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 Scriptures 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 2: Humility & Pride, Proverbs 9:7-10, 13:10, 27:2, 25:6-7

Proverbs 9:7-10

⁷ Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults;
whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.

⁸ Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you;
rebuke the wise and they will love you.

⁹ Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;

teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

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

Proverbs 13:10

¹⁰Where there is strife, there is pride,
but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

Proverbs 27:2

Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth;
an outsider, and not your own lips.

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
⁷it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.