

“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 3: Good Sex/Bad Sex, Proverbs 5:1-23

Proverbs 5:1-23

- ¹ My son, pay attention to my wisdom,
turn your ear to my words of insight,
² that you may maintain discretion
and your lips may preserve knowledge.
³ For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey,
and her speech is smoother than oil;
⁴ but in the end she is bitter as gall,

sharp as a double-edged sword.

⁵ Her feet go down to death;

her steps lead straight to the grave.

⁶ She gives no thought to the way of life;

her paths wander aimlessly, but she does not know it.

⁷ Now then, my sons, listen to me;

do not turn aside from what I say.

⁸ Keep to a path far from her,

do not go near the door of her house,

⁹ lest you lose your honor to others

and your dignity to one who is cruel,

¹⁰ lest strangers feast on your wealth

and your toil enrich the house of another.

¹¹ At the end of your life you will groan,

when your flesh and body are spent.

¹² You will say, "How I hated discipline!

How my heart spurned correction!

¹³ I would not obey my teachers

or turn my ear to my instructors.

¹⁴ And I was soon in serious trouble

in the assembly of God's people."

¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern,

running water from your own well.

Should your springs overflow in the streets,
your streams of water in the public squares?

¹⁷ Let them be yours alone,

never to be shared with strangers.

¹⁸ May your fountain be blessed,

and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.

¹⁹ A loving doe, a graceful deer—

may her breasts satisfy you always,

may you ever be intoxicated with her love.

²⁰ Why, my son, be intoxicated with another man's wife?

Why embrace the bosom of a wayward woman?

²¹ For your ways are in full view of the LORD,

and he examines all your paths.

²² The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them;

the cords of their sins hold them fast.

²³ For lack of discipline they will die,

led astray by their own great folly.

Good Sex/Bad Sex Sermon Follow Up Questions for Families

June 28, 2020

Parents: *Please skim over questions to decide which are appropriate for your family and the age of your children.*

Note: If you cannot read all of them to your High School student, please pray about making sex a less taboo subject in your home. Everyone finds out about sex somehow and somewhere, make your home that safe place.

Proverbs 5:1-23 (Father speaking to a son, “Her” in the passage is referring to an adulteress, someone tempting the married son to have sex outside of his marriage relationship.)

Younger children? Read verses 1,2, 11-14 & 21-23

*(In parenthesis are some helpful answers or thoughts.)

1. **What is the difference between temptation and sin?** (hint: wisdom)
2. **How did Pastor Dave define a Marriage Covenant?** (Marriage is a permanent, spiritual, social, legal commitment between two people, in which they entrust every part of themselves to one another.)
3. **How did Tim Keller define sex to the marriage covenant?** (he called sex, “covenant cement”)
4. **Read vs. 11 and discuss regret. What is regret? How can we avoid regret? Read vs. 8** (By Avoiding temptation. Connect this to question 1 for your kids. Wisdom.)
5. **Why did God create sex?** (Yes to have babies but to bond a husband and wife. Parents, if you are married and you really want to gross your kids out, tell them it is fun for Mom and Dad 😊.)
6. **Vs. 15-17 Why did God design sex for a husband and wife when the world makes it look a lot more fun to have sex with many people? Is the Bible just trying to make life more difficult? Is the Bible just not letting us have fun?** (God created sex to bond (cement) a couple, it is more than a physical act, it is an emotional one and when done with many the bond is not there. Plus, monogamous sex within marriage can be lots of fun.)
7. **Unpack this quote from Ray Ortlund, “Sex is like a fire. In the fireplace, it keeps us warm. Outside the fireplace, it burns the house down. Here’s the message of the Bible: Keep the fire within the marital fireplace, and stoke that fire as hot as you can.”**
8. **Why does God care about sex?**
9. **What are some things you have heard at school, online, or from friends that doesn’t match up with what we have talked about today?**
10. **Vs. 21 God sees everything we do, does this comfort you or concern you?** (We should have a healthy fear of the Lord but He also loves us no matter what)
11. **What if we have not treated sex as special and only for our spouse?** (God is eager to forgive and He loves us)
12. **Time to Dream:** Take this time to share your marriage dream for your child. What would their future look like with a loving spouse, who puts God first and respects and cherishes your child? Take time to pray for your child’s future spouse and marriage.