

# “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 5: Making Decisions, Proverbs 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup>in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will direct your paths.

**Supplementary Scriptures:**

**Romans 12:1** “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”

**Proverbs 12:15** “The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.”

**Proverbs 15:22** “Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.”

**Ecclesiastes 11:4** “Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.”

**Proverbs 16:9** “In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.”

**Proverbs 27:1** “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.”