

“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 7: Diligence & Laziness – Proverbs 24:30-34

Proverbs 24:30-34

⁶Go to the ant, you sluggard;
consider its ways and be wise!

⁷It has no commander,
no overseer or ruler,

⁸yet it stores its provisions in summer
and gathers its food at harvest.

⁹ How long will you lie there, you sluggard?

When will you get up from your sleep?

¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest—

¹¹ and poverty will come on you like a thief
and scarcity like an armed man.

Supplementary Scriptures

Proverbs 21:25 “The craving of a sluggard will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work.”

Proverbs 14:23 “All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.”

Proverbs 26:15 “A sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth.”

Proverbs 22:13 “The sluggard says, “There’s a lion outside! I’ll be killed in the public square!”

Proverbs 12:24 “Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor.”

Proverbs 10:4 “Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.”

Proverbs 10:26 “As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so are sluggards to those who send them.”

Proverbs 13:4 “A sluggard’s appetite is never filled, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.”