

## **“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.

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### **WEEK 8: Good Friends/Bad Friends – Proverbs 12:26, 27:5-6, 27:17, 18:24**

#### **Proverbs 12:26**

The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

**Proverbs 27:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

<sup>6</sup> Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

**Proverbs 27:17**

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

**Proverbs 18:24**

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

**Supplementary Scriptures****Proverbs 22:24-25**

<sup>24</sup> Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered,

<sup>25</sup> or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.

**Proverbs 13:20**

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

**Proverbs 17:17**

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

**John 15:12**

<sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.