

Noisy Streets

Week Two

The following study guide is to enhance your own personal study of Proverbs as well as to engage in discussion with others (including your small group) about Proverbs. Please feel free to adapt this guide to fit your needs.

Honesty

Speech

Anger

Work

Heart

Ice breaker: What is your favorite saying?

Study Guide:

1. Can you think of any moments where you may have withheld good from someone this week? (3:27)
2. How does God demonstrate His delight in the truthful lips of men? (12:22)
3. What is a modern word for “upright”? (14:2)
4. Re-write 24:23-26 in your own words.
5. If, the mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom; who are the righteous? (10:31)
6. Cause and effect statements are one manner in which Proverbs demonstrates truth. What is the cause and effect that is found in 16:23-24, 27-28?
7. What is it that drives us to answer before we have listened to the question? (18:13)
8. Describe a time in your life when someone gave you a word aptly spoken that encouraged either you or another listener. (25:11-12)
9. In what ways in the last two weeks have you felt the temptation to be quick tempered? (14:17,29)
10. Is it more often, our words, or our tone, that can irritate or calm a situation? Why? (15:1-2)
11. What is the difference between a lion’s roar and dew on the grass? (19:11-12)
12. What advice is given to all of us about avoiding a hot-tempered man? Is this still good advice for us today? Why? (15:18, 22:24-25)
13. In what practical ways should we apply the work ethic of the ant to our lives? (6:6-11)

14. Do you know any “fantasy chasers or sluggards?” What are their lives like? (12:11)
15. Define what is meant by use of the word “heart” in 4:20-23.
16. What is the cause and effect relationship between a happy heart and ones’ facial expressions? (15:13-15)
17. How is God in control of the Kings of this world? (21:1-2)
18. What does it mean to “harden one’s heart?” What is the outcome? (28:14)

Sermon Questions:

1. Complete the four parenting coachings:
 - a) The sin of passivity is prevalent. Men need to man-up, ___ ___ ___-up and ___ ___ ___-up.
 - b) Parent with the end game or outcome in mind. Why?
 - c) The goal is to have love and laughter, not rules and perfection. What specific things are you doing in your family to achieve this goal?
 - d) You gotta be a Team. The parenting partnership of both mom and dad is key.
2. Explain standing alone & standing strong; as described in Proverbs 1:10, 15-16
3. How can we teach our sons to be open to God’s correction and rebuke?
4. Teaching our sons to resist sexual temptation should include what from our own lives?
5. Teaching our sons to be truly wise with money and to be diligent, hard workers is best taught how?