

Proverbs 1 through 6

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

- Proverbs 1:7

Icebreaker:

What is the best deal you have ever found? Did you buy it? Why or why not?

Study Guide:

1. Proverbs 1:1-6 outline the purpose of the book of Proverbs. How many positive attributes are outcomes of Proverbs?
2. In your own words, what does; “the fear of the Lord” mean? (1:7)
3. What is the consequence of “rejecting” wisdom?” (1:28-33)
4. Proverbs 2:1-11 illustrates the search for wisdom and then describes the benefits of obtaining wisdom. What is the process for obtaining wisdom? (2:3-4)
5. Obtaining wisdom will have what practical outcomes? (2:10-22)
6. What is meant by, “the land”? Why is it significant for the righteous to live there and for the unfaithful to be “torn from it”? (2:21-22)
7. How would your life be different, if it was lived according to chapter 3?
8. How many times do you find the words “do not” in chapter 3? What significance do you see in the use of the phrase?
9. Re-write Proverbs 3:5-6 in your own words.
10. Describe in your own words the advice being given in chapter 4.
11. What is the price of wisdom? (4:7) What is the cost of us not gaining wisdom?
12. Proverbs 4:23 commands the reader to, “above all else, guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life.” What is the meaning of this Proverb?
13. How many negative outcomes do you see in chapter 5 as a result of immorality?
14. Proverbs 5:15-20 describes the sexual relationship that God designed. How would you describe this relationship in your own words?
15. Proverbs 5:21-23 Is a clear warning that the actions of mankind are in full view of God. Why is it that so many Christians have moral failures?

16. What current day “snares” are described in Proverbs 6:1-5? In what ways have you ever been snared?
17. In your own words, what are the six things that the Lord hates? (6:16-19)
18. Why is wisdom portrayed as a woman? Is there significance to the gender used? If so, what is it?

Sermon Questions:

1. In what condition is your heart?
2. How different would your daily life be, if your “wellspring” was overflowing with love, joy, peace and patience?
3. In what specific ways can you guard YOUR heart this week?