

Proverbs 7 through 11

Hatred stirs up dissension, but love conquers all.

Proverbs 10:12

Icebreaker:

You are the casting director for the summer smash hit Proverbs; whom will you cast for the following roles? Why?

Wisdom	Youth without any judgment	The Father	
Folly	My son	The Mother	The Harlot

Study Guide:

1. Describe in your own words the process taking place in Proverbs 7:1-20.
2. Proverbs 7:21-23 describes several types of captured wild game and then a fatal injury (an arrow to the liver). Why is this symbolism used?
3. Proverbs 7:24-27 declares that many have been ensnared in sexual sin, to what consequence?
4. Proverbs 8:1 depicts Wisdom calling out in the streets searching for those who would be wise; Proverbs 8:34-36 describes those who wait, who watch, who listen, and who anticipate. What is the process for obtaining wisdom? Is it active or passive? (Proverbs 8:17)
5. What are the blessings of Wisdom?
6. Proverbs 8:22-36 and John 1:1-2 allude to whom?
7. Proverbs 9 describes two women, Wisdom and Folly. In verses 3 and 14, their houses are described as being on the high street. What significance might be attributed?
8. What similarities do we see between Ms. Folly in Proverbs 9 and the woman of Proverbs 7? What are the dissimilarities?
9. What observations can we make about temptation and sin?
10. Proverbs 10:1-9 are proverbs, which could be engraved as a plaque or monument. Which is your favorite and why?
11. Proverbs 10:10-24 contrasts Wisdom and Folly. What observations can we make?
12. In Proverbs 10:27, what does “the fear of the Lord” mean?

13. The first line of Proverbs 11:2 is often quoted when a leader or a person of notoriety is caught in some sin or questionable activity. How would your world be different if you focused on the second half of the verse?
14. What blessing does our town gain from the upright that live here? (Proverbs 11:11)
15. Rewrite Proverbs 11:22 in your own words.

Sermon Questions: A sword, a fire and deadly poison

1. The Tongue has a power, which can be used in a destructive or healing manner. Proverbs 12:18 and James 3:9. Describe how your tongue been used for destruction or healing this past week?
2. The Tongue of the Wisdom-Life and of the Fool-Death was contrasted. Please fill-in the blanks:

Wise-Life

Seek wise council & advice (19:20)
 _____ & correction (15:31)
 Encouragement (15:23)
 _____ & teaching
 (11:30)

Fool-Death

Deceitful flattery (28:23 & 27:6)
 Arguments & _____ (14:7)
 Lies & exaggerations (6:16, 19:5)
 _____ & gossip (20:19, 17:9)

3. List the five gates that our words should pass before being spoken:
 - a) Is it T _____?
 - b) Is it ___ i _____?
 - c) Is it c ___ f ___ ent _____?
4. Re-write Proverbs 25:11 in your own words.