

Community Group Study Guide

Sermon Series - The Way of Wisdom

Sermon Date - October 11, 2009

Words:

They can bring life or death (18:21; 10:19; 11:30; 13:14; 17:27,28)

They can heal or destroy (6:12-19; 10:14; 11:9; 12:18; 16:24)

They can bring reward or damage to oneself (10:10; 12:14; 18:6,7)

Warm-up:

1. What is the most encouraging thing someone has said to you?
2. What is the most discouraging thing someone has said to you?

Key Idea - Words can bring life or death.

Read Proverbs 18:21; 10:19; 11:30; 13:14; 17:27,28

1. What are the key words or phrases you see in these passages?
2. What qualities of someone who is wise do you see?
3. What qualities of a fool do you see?
4. Are there any exhortations in the passages? What are they?
5. Are there any warnings in the passages? What are they?
6. Are there any examples of comparison and contrast in the passage? What are they?
7. Based on these passages, how should we use our words? How do you use your words?
8. Are there any areas in your life that do not line up with God's teaching in this passage? What has God been saying to you during this time?

Key Idea - Words can heal or destroy.

Read Proverbs 6:12-19; 10:14; 11:9; 12:18; 16:24

1. In the chapter 6 passage, what are some of the qualities of the "scoundrel and villain"?
2. How does the LORD respond?
3. What does the LORD detest? How do our words fit into these items?
4. In the remaining passages, how are "positive" words described? How about words with negative intent?
5. Are there any exhortations in the passages? What are they?
6. Are there any warnings in the passages? What are they?
7. Are there any examples of comparison and contrast in the passage? What are they?

8. Based on these passages, how should we use our words? How do you use your words?
8. Are there any areas in your life that do not line up with God's teaching in this passage? What has God been saying to you during this time?

Key Idea - Words can bring reward or damage to oneself.

Read Proverbs 10:10; 12:14; 18:6,7

1. What are the key words or phrases you see in these passages?
2. What qualities of someone who is wise do you see?
3. What qualities of a fool do you see?
4. Are there any exhortations in the passages? What are they?
5. Are there any warnings in the passages? What are they?
6. Are there any examples of comparison and contrast in the passage? What are they?
7. Based on these passages, how should we use our words? How do you use your words?
8. Are there any areas in your life that do not line up with God's teaching in this passage? What has God been saying to you during this time?

Apply: In this section, our goal is to determine how to integrate what you've studied into your life.

1. Based on these passages, what changes do you feel you need to make in your life?
2. What are some practical steps you can take to use your words wisely?
3. How can your group encourage you? How can you encourage others?
4. How can this group pray for you?