

Community Group Study Guide

Sermon Series - The Way of Wisdom

Sermon Date - October 25, 2009

Warm-up:

1. What are your views on wealth? To what extent should a believer pursue wealth?
2. How can wealth be used to further the Kingdom?

Key Idea - The Call of Wisdom.

Read Proverbs 8:1-4

1. What example of parallelism do you see in these passages?
2. Personification is where you ascribe human qualities to a non-human object or idea. What examples of personification do we see in this passage?
3. From where does wisdom cry out?
4. City gates and intersections were places where business took place. What does this tell you about wisdom? Where does wisdom and our work meet?
5. For this passage, what do you think is the key take away?
6. What can we learn about wisdom from this passage?

Key Idea - The qualities of work

Read Proverbs 10:4-5

1. What examples of comparison and contrast do you see in these passages?
2. What leapt out to you in these verses ?
3. What one word would you use to sum up the teaching of these verses?
4. Based on these passages, what attitude should we bring to our work?
5. 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?

Read Proverbs 22:29

1. What examples of comparison and contrast do you see in this passage?
2. What leapt out to you in this verse?
3. What one word would you use to sum up the teaching of this verse?
4. Based on this passage, what can we learn about becoming skilled at our work?
5. What are the rewards of becoming skilled?
6. Is this a promise? Do you agree or disagree with it?

Read Proverbs 27:18

1. What examples of parallelism do you see in this passage?
2. What do you think this verse means?
3. What one word would you use to sum up the teaching of this verse?
4. Based on this passage, what attitude should we take with our work?

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 wealth, or pursue wealth, wisely?
3. How can your group encourage you? How can you encourage others?
4. How can this group pray for you?