

Community Group Study Guide

Sermon Series - The Way of Wisdom

Sermon Date - Nov 15, 2009

Warm-up:

1. Do you know someone who is “hot tempered”? What is it like when you are around them?
2. What are some circumstances that cause you to lash out in unusual ways? What gets under your skin?

Read Proverbs 14:29-30; 15:1,18; 16:32; 19:11,19; 24:28-29; 25:21-22

1. What is your reaction when you read or heard these passages?
2. What are some key phrases or words that you see in these passages?
3. What are some of the phrases used to describe someone who is hot-tempered or quick tempered?
4. How is the person who is patient described or looked upon?
5. What gives a man patience?
6. Drilling a little deeper - what do you feel is the root cause of most anger? Why do we get angry with others?
7. How should we treat those that wrong us (Prov 25:21-22)? Do you agree with this? What is our usual reaction?
8. What do you think the main point of these passages? How would you summarize the passages?
9. Why don't we typically act in a patient, peaceful way when we've been wronged?
10. Are these ideas (peace, patience) embraced in the culture? Why or why not?

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 if you are hot-tempered?
3. What should our response be to a loved on who is hot-tempered?
4. What should our response be to someone that is not willing to change?
5. How can your group encourage you? How can you encourage others?
6. How can this group pray for you?