

Community Group Study Guide

Sermon Series - The Way of Wisdom

Sermon Date - Nov 8, 2009

Warm-up:

1. How do we typically view the materially poor in America? How about those in other countries?
2. When you think of the materially poor, what typically comes to mind?

Read Proverbs 14:31; 17:5; 19:17; 22:22; 24:10-12; 28:8,11,27

1. What is your reaction when you read or hear these passages?
2. What are some key phrases or words that you see in these passages?
3. What commands do we see in these passages? What about warnings? What about rewards?
4. How does our compassion for the materially poor reflect our relationship with our Father?
5. What do you think the main point of these passages? How would you summarize the passages?
6. Where does fear enter into our inactivity?
7. Are these ideas 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 struggling financially?
3. What should our response be to a brother or sister who is struggling financially? How does the church typically respond?
4. What should our response be to the materially poor around us? Why don't we, as members of the church, do more to support the poor? What is holding us back?
5. What are some concrete, practical steps that you and your family can do to assist the materially poor?
6. How can your group encourage you? How can you encourage others?
7. How can this group pray for you?