

Community Group Study Guide

Sermon Series - The Way of Wisdom

Sermon Date - September 27

Sermon Passage - Proverbs 4:11-27

Warm-up:

1. Have you ever gone hiking in the woods? What are some things you watch out for?
2. Have you ever gotten lost on a trip or in a city? What happened? How did you feel? How did you find your way back to where you were supposed to be?

Observe: In this section, our goal is to determine what the text says.

Read Proverbs 4:11-27

1. What are the key words or phrases you see in this passage ?
2. What examples of parallelism do you find in these verses?
3. What are examples of comparisons and contrasts in this passage?
4. What is the underlying analogy that is used in this passage? *Journey, path, or trail*
5. What are some of the benefits of walking in wisdom?
6. Where are some of the consequences of walking in the way of evil?
7. Are there any explicit exhortations in the text? What are they?
8. Are there any warnings in the text? What are they?
9. What is the key theme you see in this passage?

Interpret: In this section, our goal is to determine what the text means.

1. Based on this passage, how should we view wisdom?
2. What is the key teaching of verses 11 - 13?
3. What is the key teaching of verses 14 - 19?
4. What is the key teaching of verses 20 - 27?
5. What does the word "heart" in verse 23 mean to you?

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

1. 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?
2. What changes do you feel you need to make in your life?
3. What are some practical steps you can take to guard your heart?
4. How can your group encourage you? How can you encourage others?
5. How can this group pray for you?