

PROVERBS & FEARING GOD May 17, 2020 Proverbs 1

WEEKLY SERMON REFLECTION

- How did the sermon from Proverbs 1 speak to you personally?
- Why is this important to you?
- What part of this truth is the biggest challenge?

CARING FOR THE HEART

- What is one wise and one foolish choice you have made in your life? What were the consequences?
- Read v.7 aloud. What does "the fear of the Lord" mean? Why do you think this is considered the foundation of wisdom? How does your life reflect a fear of the Lord?
- Read v.32-33 aloud.
 - How would you describe the "simple"? Why do you think the writer says "waywardness" will kill the simple?
 - How would you describe "complacency"? How has "complacency" destroyed aspects of your life?
 - Verse 33 says that 'the life that listens to wisdom will have safety, be at ease, and not have to fear harm'. Do you find this to be true? If you consider the life of the apostle Paul who was shipwrecked, beaten, chained and imprisoned, how do you think he would interpret this verse?
- What areas/circumstances of life do you need the wisdom of God? (Everyone in the group write down one another's areas to use as a prayer list.)





TIME OF PRAYER

Use the list of areas/circumstances that each person shared to pray for one another. Assign an individual to each person for prayer and then use the scripture refences below to pray for the following people and wisdom: yourself, your boss/co-workers, church leaders, community and state leaders, U.S. government, and world leaders.

"Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." Psalm 25:4-5

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5

"I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken." Psalm 16:7-8

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you." Psalm 32:8-9

