

Proverbs

The following questions are for group discussion. The discussion should aim to help participants think through the lesson and its application both personally and in the church.

1. What is a proverb? What are some practical advantages to them? Does the Book of Proverbs contain only proverbs? Who does the book target? How can we use it today?
2. What are some helpful principles to remember when reading, interpreting, and seeking to apply the Proverbs? Are proverbs promises? What is parallelism?
3. In your own words, what is the purpose of the Book of Proverbs? Is God worthy of all trust in every dimension of everyday life?
4. To what is wisdom linked? To what is folly linked? See 2:6-15; 4:13-14, 18, 20-27; 5:1-6, 23; 9:13; 10:17; 12:28.
5. What is the beginning of wisdom (1:7, 29; 2:5; 3:7; 8:13; 9:10; 10:27; 14:2, 26, 27; 15:16, 33; 16:6; 19:23; 22:4; 23:17; 24:21; 28:14; 29:25; 31:30)?
6. What is the reward of diligently seeking Wisdom (2:4-5; 8:17)?
7. What is the value of Wisdom (3:13-18; 8:11, 19)?
8. Is the Book of Proverbs closer to the Law or Gospel? Explain.
9. How could Proverbs help you daily? Consider the categories (a) 10:11; 12:14; 13:2-3; 15:4; 16:24; 18:21 (b) 12:15; 13:1; 15:31, 32; 18:13, 15, 17; 19:20 (c) 14:17, 29; 15:1, 18
10. Does **discernment** also need **discipline**? Why? Does it also need **devotion**? Why?