

Sermon Questions

Read Proverbs 1:1-19 *slowly and deliberately (Groups, read it twice with different readers)*

What are your initial impressions of the book of Proverbs? Have you ever studied this book? What do you know of it?

Who wrote the majority of this book? What do we know about this author? How does this help us with our reading of the book?

What is the beginning of knowledge according to verse 7? What is the difference between gaining wisdom and despising instruction? Why is a humble mind and a soft heart critical to mining the riches of Proverbs and the whole counsel of God's Word?

When have you been enticed to sin or act dishonorably by others? Reflecting on those times, why do you regret it? How should Christians respond to that kind of temptation? Read Matthew 5:9; Romans 13:14; 2 Corinthians 8:21.

Read Matthew 16:25. What similarities do you see between this teaching of Jesus and Proverbs 1:19? How do self-centeredness and greed actually rob us of the kind of life they promise to give?

Verses 2-6 imply that learning, seeking wisdom, and receiving guidance are lifelong pursuits and disciplines. How open to growth are you? Are you able to approach new ideas with an open mind? Can you hear correction charitably when necessary? How might you ask God to transform your mind and heart through reading Proverbs?