



Proverbs 5

wisdom is faithful

PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS:

The aim of this preparation is to encourage good & prayerful observation of the text of God's word and the joyful experience of discovering its truth.

Pray & read Proverbs chapter 5

What stands out in this reading?

What puzzles you about this reading?

How does this reading make you **feel**?

What do you **think** in response to this reading?

What will you **do** in response to this reading?

When you meet together – pray for understanding and a humble heart

Introduction – Faithfulness – What examples of faithfulness stand out to you? What do you value most about faithfulness?

read Proverbs 5.1-14

- What is the thing that the adulteress will use to tempt the son into adultery? (v3)
- What does adultery bring? (v4-6, 9-11)
- How is the son to avoid the temptation of adultery? (v1-2, 7-8, 12-13)

DIG DEEPER option: Thinking the importance of listening to and following the right words starting with Adam and Eve and then for the storyline of the Bible discuss the importance and power of the words you listen to.

read Proverbs 5.15-23

- Discuss what it means for you that the Bible speaks about sex in marriage with such beautiful, erotic language.
- Do you think a beautiful erotic sexual relationship between a husband and wife helps to prevent adultery? Why/why not?
- What sexual matters are private from the Lord? Who is to blame for sexual sin?

Read 1 Corinthians 6.12-7.7

- What does the death and resurrection of Jesus have to do with our sexual purity? Why is sexual sin unlike other sins and what are the implications of this?
- In an echo of Proverbs 5, what does Paul say is a key prevention of adultery/sexual immorality? In fulfilling 'marital duty' (let the reader understand!) why do you think the instruction is that each one 'yields' to the other, and do not deprive each other?
- Whether married or single (on singleness read 1 Corinthians 7.8-9) what has God's word helped you understand and/or appreciate more about the beauty and benefit of sexual faithfulness?
- **PRAY!** With thankfulness for God's good gift of sex. Pray for growing conviction, character and commitment to follow God's wise path for sex.