



Proverbs 6.1-19

wisdom sets free

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 6.1-19

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 – Freedom – What does it mean to you to be financially free? How are you being wise when it comes to finances?

read **Proverbs 6.1-5; 11.15; 17.18**

- What is the financial trap that the son might fall into? What lengths should he go to be free of this trap?
- How can being a guarantor lead to poverty? Discuss the wisdom of not taking responsibility for the commitments of others.
- The Bible only reflects negatively on people being a guarantor for another person's debt. That's because we are limited and finite. The debt of others could exhaust our own limited resources. **Read Hebrews 7.20-28, 2 Corinthians 8.9.** Jesus guarantees the debt of others why is this not foolish for him?

read **Proverbs 6.6-11; 30.25**

- What positive model does the father tell his son to consider when it comes to freedom from poverty?
- What is the opposite of being an industrious ant? Why is this also a financial trap that leads to poverty?
- **Read 1 Thessalonians 4.9-12; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-15:** why should Christians not be idle and disruptive?

read **Proverbs 6.12-19; Proverbs 30.7-9**

- In Proverbs 30.7-9, Agur says, 'keep falsehood and lies far from me, give me neither poverty nor riches.' Proverbs 6 begins with warnings to help avoid poverty. Do you think it ends with a warning against ill-gotten gain? Which of the descriptions resonate with you about the pursuit of riches?
- Reflect on the wisdom of Proverbs 30.7-9. Discuss how money could lead you away from the Lord.
- **Read 1 Timothy 6.6-10; 6.17-19:** Discuss the good and the bad of money. Why is contentment a better goal than financial freedom? Why is it wise to not live with money as the main thing?
- **PRAY!** Pray with thankfulness that Christ who was rich became poor so that we through his poverty might become rich. Pray for contentment, generosity and healthy perspective on temporary wealth in the light of the treasures in heaven to come