

City Nights

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September 24th, 2025

SERIES

Bible Breakdown-Proverbs: Week Three

BEFORE GROUP

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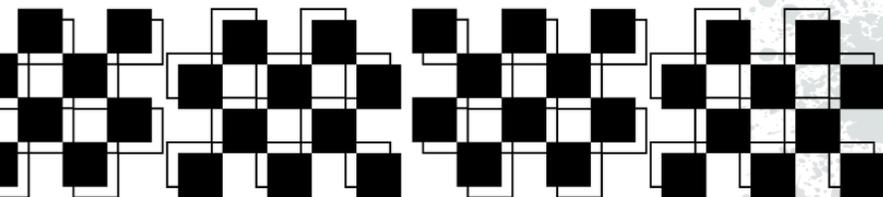
Having wisdom means being able to use discernment even in situations that the Bible doesn't talk about, but it is always wise to treat those around you with kindness and love.

SCRIPTURE:

- Proverbs 25:21
- Proverbs 26:4-5
- Exodus 34:6

GOAL OF COMMUNITY GROUPS:

To inspire discernment in students, and to encourage them to treat others around them the way God would.



THINK ABOUT THIS:

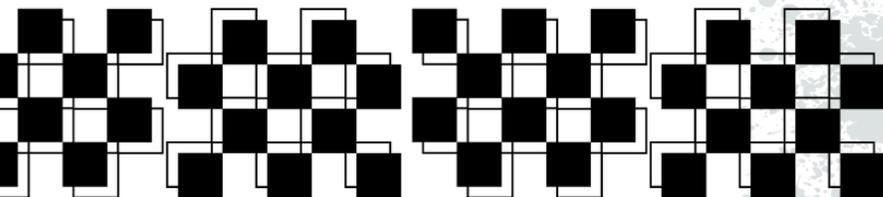
This week's discussion focuses on how Proverbs teaches us to live with wisdom that goes beyond rules, a wisdom that requires discernment and a heart shaped by God. Students need help seeing that wisdom isn't just about avoiding sin, but making thoughtful decisions when life isn't clear-cut. Proverbs 26:4-5 shows us that sometimes the same situation calls for opposite actions, highlighting that discernment is key. Encourage students to think about the decisions they face daily, especially the gray areas, and how God's perspective can guide them when there isn't a clear "right" answer.

Another key focus is kindness and generosity as a reflection of God's character. Proverbs emphasizes caring for those in need, showing mercy to the outcast, and even extending kindness to enemies. Use examples from the script, like reaching out to someone who feels lonely or showing generosity in non-monetary ways, to help students see practical applications. Remind them that their actions start from the heart, and small acts of care can reveal God's heart to others. As a leader, guide the conversation toward reflection and action: who in their life needs encouragement, how they can show kindness this week, and how their choices can reflect God's wisdom in real, everyday situations.

This is a conversation that is made even more powerful by the relationship you have built with them. If you know your students well and have a history with them, you are in a position to encourage them when you see them treating others with love. You also have the opportunity to challenge your students to step up when you see them treating those around them poorly! These are the hard conversations that lead to greater growth and greater connection to God.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. The goal is to get students verbally engaging, NOT to get through everything in the curriculum.

DURING COMMUNITY GROUP



HIGH/LOWS & OPENING

Begin with highs & lows from their week after they introduce each other. Really take this time to listen and ask questions to show you are interested in their lives.

ICEBREAKER:

What's the best present you've ever been given?

SCRIPTURE/VIDEO DISCUSSION:

(Some groups may watch the video to begin Group time and then break off into their smaller groups, and that's okay)

DISCUSS THIS

1. In your own words, how would you define "discernment"?
2. Can you think of a time when you had to make a decision where there wasn't a clear "right answer"?
3. How do you usually decide what's wise when the Bible doesn't give a clear answer? Are there steps you take, people you ask, or ways you pray to gain discernment?
4. Proverbs 14:31 says that mistreating the poor insults God, while generosity honors Him. Why do you think God cares so much about how we treat others? How can you look beyond someone's status or actions to see the heart behind them?
5. We don't just show kindness with money, our time, attention, and care matter too. What's one practical way you could be generous to someone this week?
6. Proverbs 25:21 calls us to care for our enemies. Have you ever had a situation where someone hurt you or treated you unfairly? How could you respond in a way that reflects God's heart?
7. Who around you might be overlooked, left out, or in need of encouragement? What could you do to meet their needs?

