



PROVERBS CHAPTER 9 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Which do you like better? Being invited to a party? Inviting someone to a party?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Proverbs 9:1-18)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Proverbs 9:1-6

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Proverbs 9:7-9

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Proverbs 9:10-18

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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
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- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
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