



PROVERBS CHAPTER 4 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What's the best piece of advice you have been given by one of your parents?
- What's the best piece of advice you have given as a parent?
- **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 4:1-27)

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

Proverbs 4:1-9

- Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9
 - In what ways is providing instruction and truth from the Lord difficult?
 - In what ways is receiving instruction and truth from the Lord difficult?

- How are you currently and intentionally doing both in your own life?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

Proverbs 4:10-19

- Notice that verses 10-13 go beyond just teaching the right things and just receiving knowledge. They have everything to do with modeling and living what we are teaching and embracing what we are receiving. Why are these things important to understand.
 - Walking in ways that God desires isn't just about how much we know and/or what truths we are receiving. Rather, walking in ways that God desires has everything to do with what we are doing with our beliefs and declarations. In other words, it's one thing to know something is true. It's another thing to live that something is true.
 - In what ways does your modeling and living need to more fully match what you say you believe to be true about God and faith?
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- In verses 16-19, we have a picture of someone who is addicted to being on mission for themselves and fulfilling their desires. But we also have a picture of someone who is addicted to pleasing God and being on mission for Him. How do you move towards more fully being on mission for God?
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Proverbs 4:20-27

- How would you put verse 23 into your own words?
- On a 1 to 10 scale with 1 being low and 10 being high, how do you think you're doing with "diligently" guarding your heart? How do you know and what does this look like?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?

- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. (Proverbs chapter 5)

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