



PROVERBS CHAPTER 5 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Would you describe yourself more as a person who overcommits and underdelivers or a person who under commits and overdelivers? Why?
- **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 5:1-23)

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

Proverbs 5:1-6

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 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- Notice that discernment and expressing what we have learned in verse 2 come after listening well and carefully. Why is this order significant?
 - Many times, as Christians, we seek to act and move before we make intentional time to listen to and wait for God and what He desires. We desire discernment and to walk in His ways, but this involves being humble enough to admit that we don't have the best answers and patient enough to wait on the One who does.

Proverbs 5:7-14

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Proverbs 5:15-23

- Notice in this passage that God has indeed provided His people with a very specific design for sex and sexuality and really for life in general and He desires that we trust in Him and His timing.
 - In what ways is it difficult for you to trust God's design and plan for you over your own? How can you be more intentional in fully trusting the plan that God has for you?
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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 6)

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