



PROVERBS CHAPTER 7 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Describe a time when you invested in someone or something that turned out much better than you had expected.
- Describe a time when you invested in someone or something that turned out much worse than you had expected.
- **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 8:1-27)

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

Proverbs 7:1-5

- Explain why you agree or disagree with the following quote.

- Sin always takes you further than you want to go, keeps you longer than you want to stay, and costs you more than you want to pay.
- Which one of Solomon's encouragements in this section of Scripture stick out to you the most? Why? Which section of Scripture in this text do you struggle to live out the most? Why?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

Proverbs 7:6-23

- Why does Solomon compare temptation and sin to an adulteress/immoral woman?
 - Like the adulteress/immoral woman, temptation and sin are both enticing and appealing.
 - Like the adulteress/immoral woman, temptation, and sin both promise far more than they deliver.
 - Like the adulteress/immoral woman, temptation and sin look good and even feel good and are fun in the short term.
 - In what ways is it easy for you to follow how you feel rather than surrendering to what God desires?
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Proverbs 7:24-27

- How is the end of this chapter a sobering reminder about the serious and destructive nature of sin?
 - Regardless of who you are and/or how strong you are, sin can and will master you if you choose to surrender to it rather than to God.
 - In what ways do you need to take the sin in your life more seriously? What would change about your daily habits/practices?
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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 8)

PROVERBS CHAPTER 7 (STUDENT)

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