
Sometimes being “street smart” isn’t enough, especially when we are talking about how we relate to God. Street Smarts is a series that will take us through the book of Proverbs. Over the course of this series we will find practical wisdom for real living. Join us over the next several weeks as we look to the Proverbs to shed light on topics like: marriage, educating our children, wealth, compassion, and friendships.

Icebreaker: What winter Olympic sport do you enjoy watching the most? What summer Olympic sport do you enjoy watching the most?

1. We are now one week into our Proverbial Challenge; share a highlight or a challenge that you encountered this week in the book of Proverbs.
2. Scripture can often be referenced as being similar to a mirror; when we look into and engage the Bible it causes us to examine ourselves. Read John 8:31-32; what does these verses tell us will happen when we take time to know God’s word and apply it to our lives?
 - a. What does this truth reveal to us about God’s Word?
 - b. How does that make you feel?
3. In your mind, what defines a fool?
 - a. Read our theme verse for Proverbs, verse 1:7. This week we are talking about the fool, how does this verse define a fool?
 - b. This week we talked about the fools natural tendency to box in God and to box in others. Why is this a natural tendency (read Proverbs 12:15, 28:26)?
 - c. Share with the group an area in which you may tend to box in God or box in others.
4. Sunday we talked about 3 attitudes that a fool carries with them: **1)** Lack of emotional steadiness [Prov. 14:16, 12:16, 18:6, 29:11] **2)** No compulsion to right a wrong [14:19] **3)** Is a repeat offender [26:11]. What do you think is at the root of all three attitudes?
 - a. How does a person learn to move beyond these attitudes?
 - b. The Bible teaches us that we are only as full of the workings of God as we want to be. What do you think that means?

Close in Prayer: (If in a group close by taking time to pray for the needs of those in the group.)

Challenge: Join others in the church in the Proverbial Challenge (read through Proverbs 2 times by Easter)

Prep for next week: Study the truths about Marriage as described in Proverbs.