

Life Group Study Guide

Proverbs 7

Wisdom & Folly

Ice Breaker

Think about all the times your parents gave you advice as a child. Share with a time when you failed to heed their advice and regretted it. Also, share about a time when you heeded their advice and were glad you did.

Introduction

Proverbs 7 is a parental warning against the allurements of the adulterous woman. It paints a graphic picture of the seduction of an unwise young man. Solomon used this illustration to show the danger of succumbing to temptation. Pastor Shirock recently said, "Sin always takes you farther than you want to go, keeps you longer than you want to stay, and costs you more than you want to pay." Keep this in mind as you read the following scriptures:

Scripture Reading – Proverbs 7:1-5

- What positive words of wisdom does Solomon offer his son?
- How do these exhortations apply to our lives today?

Scripture Reading – Proverbs 7:6-23

- How does Solomon describe the nature of temptation and sin (The Alluring Woman)?
- How does Solomon describe the nature of the young man who succumbed to the temptation of the prostitute?
- What wisdom can we gain from this passage regarding temptation and sin in our lives?

Scripture Reading – Proverbs 7:24-27

- What is the end result for the young man who lacked judgment regarding temptation and sin?
- How do we avoid the negative consequences of sin in our lives?
- What are some ways you can admonish one another in your groups just as Solomon admonished his son?
- How can Christian community help you in your battle against temptation and sin?

Conclusion

G. Campbell Morgan once wrote, "When the voice of the siren is heard, it is good to pause and listen to the moan of the breakers on the shore of darkness and death, for to that shore the way of impurity assuredly leads." Paul writes, "Do not participate in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure." Thank God for the wisdom of his Word, the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us fight temptation and for the forgiveness He extends when we do act unwisely!