

# REFLECTION QUESTIONS

## For Faith Groups and Further Study

1. How do you think the adornment of wisdom and discretion around your neck provides security and life for your soul?
2. As you reflect on your own life, do you struggle with fear and anxiety? If so, what could be the relationship of that fear and anxiety to a lack of wisdom and discretion adorning your neck (v. 21-24)? How might your fear and anxiety be alleviated if you were to honestly begin pursuing wisdom and discretion?
3. What are some causes of terror in your life (v. 25)? In those moments do you turn your attention and hope to Christ or does your foot get caught and you stumble (v. 26)?
4. What does it mean *“to those whom it is due”* as it relates to helping others in v. 27?
5. Have you ever experienced someone withholding good from you when you knew they could help and there seemed to be no reason to not help? How did you respond? What are some of the reasons for them not helping you?
6. Have you ever withheld good from someone when you had the ability to help? Why didn't you help, or if you did help, why did you? What was the outcome?
7. Verses 27-32 seem to focus on our relationship with our neighbors and those that we might consider as enemies. How would you best summarize the wisdom that the father is teaching his son? How would apply that teaching to your own life?
8. In the end the LORD will judge the wise and the fools. As you read through v. 33-35 do you get a sense of the progression from how one lives their life will determine their reward, i.e. the wicked have the LORD's curse, the scornful are scorned by the LORD, and the fools inherit (their reward) disgrace? What about the wise? What is their progression? How do we remain on the path of wisdom that leads to honor?

# MESSAGE OUTLINE/NOTES

## Proverbs - The “Do Not’s” of Wisdom

1. Wisdom provides great \_\_\_\_\_ v. 21-24
2. Do Not \_\_\_\_\_! v. 25-26
3. Do Not \_\_\_\_\_! v. 27
4. Do Not \_\_\_\_\_! v. 28-29
5. Do Not \_\_\_\_\_! v. 30-32
6. Always be mindful the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ the wicked but \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous. v. 33-35