

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

For Faith Groups and Further Study

1. Old Testament believers were called “righteous” as they trusted in the Lord and His promises. How do “righteous” believers today receive those promises which are now fully revealed (c.f. 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18)?
2. Can you remember a time when you said something you wish you had not said? What was going on in your heart at the time?
3. Pick one proverb from chapter 10 that you’d like to chew on this week. Why that one?
4. How would Proverbs see that you work on your words? How is the Holy Spirit checking you right now as it relates to your words?
5. Are you more likely to use your words to build someone up or tear them down?
6. How are you at receiving a word of correction from those in your life? How are you at giving words of correction? Is there a difference between your receiving corrective words and your giving of them? Why?
7. How can words bring either life or death to someone? Or blessing or cursing?
8. Do the words you use accurately reflect the path that you think you are currently walking, whether that of wisdom or folly? What would those who know you well say about the words you use, say your spouse or parents or friends?
9. What steps are you willing to take this week to be more conscientious of your words? Are your words righteous or wicked? Do they point to Christ or away from Him?
10. If you are an apprentice of the Lord Jesus Christ and you struggle with your heart attitude as revealed by your words, then what change or changes do you need to make in your heart posture so your words to better reflect Christ? Is that a change you are willing to make? Why or why not? Are you willing to be accountable to someone for your words? Why or why not?

MESSAGE OUTLINE/NOTES

Proverbs - Proverbs and the Power of Words

1. Understanding the _____ of Hebrew Poetry.
 - a. _____ parallelism.
 - b. The Wisdom of Proverbs is not _____.
 - c. The Proverbs approach _____ the way we approach _____.
2. Connecting Proverbs 10 to Proverbs 1-9. (10:1-6)
3. Our words _____. (10:6, 8, 10-11, 13-14, 18-21, 31-32)
 - a. Our words reveal _____.
 - b. Our words reveal _____.
 - c. Our words can _____.
 - d. Our words can _____ or they can _____.
 - e. What the _____ has to say about our words.