

# Sermon Supplement from June 16

## Intro to Proverbs

### Warm Up

- What are your impressions of Proverbs as we begin this series? What were your first thoughts when you heard we were doing a series in Proverbs?

### Dig In – Read Proverbs 1:1-7

- Verse 1 - Talk about the background to Proverbs: Author, type of literature, historical context. Why is this important for our understanding and application of Proverbs?
- Verses 2-6 give us the 5-fold purpose of Proverbs. Explain those purposes in your own words. What can we look forward to in this study? How does Proverbs claim to help us on our spiritual journey?
- Verse 7 is the theme and foundation of the whole book. Why is that? Where is it repeated? What does this verse teach us about our relationship with God. Why is it important that we understand the relational and God-centered nature of Proverbs?

### Wrap-Up

- What are a few of your personal take-aways from this message? What are you excited about as we study Proverbs?

**PROVERBS READING CHALLENGE:** Read two to three chapters of Proverbs per week over the summer using the H.E.A.R. method described below. If you are meeting in a small group or with your family, spend time each gathering sharing what you are learning.

- **HIGHLIGHT:** While reading your selected text for the day, typically a verse, phrase or idea will stand out. Write that down.
- **EXPLAIN:** Using basic Bible study principles, explain what that verse or thought means in your own words. Be careful to explain the meaning considering the context.
- **APPLY:** Record how the text applies to the way you think, feel or act.
- **RESPOND:** Write down a prayer or action step that you will take.

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### Proverbs Resources:

- *God's Word for You: Proverbs, Kathleen Nielson – devotional, easy to read*
- *Preaching the Word: Proverbs, Raymond Ortlund – application focused, pastoral*
- *Baker Commentary Old Testament: Proverbs, Tremper Longman III – scholarly, yet accessible.*

*Next Week's Sermon: Wisdom*