

# GATHERING INSIGHTS

SERIES: **Proverbs: Walking in Wisdom**

TITLE: **Banquets and Idols**

BIG IDEA: In life, we have all been invited to a banquet where we will have to make a choice: wisdom or folly.

## BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read **Proverbs 9:1-6**

What stands out to you about Lady Wisdom's

invitation to the banquet she has prepared?

How does repentance and the call to turn towards wisdom reflect our call to turn from the world and toward Jesus?

Read **Matthew 22:1-14**

What similarities do you notice in the parable that Jesus talks about the wedding banquet and the invitation from Lady Wisdom?

Read **Proverbs 9:13-18**

What difference do you see in the preparation of the Lady of Wisdom and the Lady of Folly?

What makes the invitation to the Lady of Folly's banquet so much more desirable? What is the bait that is given and why do so many fall for it?

Read **Exodus 20:1-17**

God says we are to have no idols before him. How do all the other commandments flow from this one commandment?

When you think of idols, what do you think of? What are some modern-day idols?

How does Jesus embody the wisdom described in Proverbs?

What are some practical ways we can ensure our identity is rooted in Christ rather than in the idols of this world?

How does community help when we are tempted to accept the invitation to the banquet held by Lady Folly?

How can we balance the need to accomplish tasks (duties) with the importance of simply 'being' in our relationship with God? How does living as a family help in keeping our priorities straight?

How can we help those who are being lured into the banquet of the Lady of Folly? How do we warn those who don't know it is a trap?

What are some 'half truths' that you've encountered in life that seemed appealing but led to negative consequences?

## GROWING IN CHRIST

## LIVING AS A FAMILY

## SHARING THE GOSPEL