



Community Group Leader Guide 1/19-1/26

Reading for the Week:

1/19: Proverbs 18

1/20: Proverbs 19

1/21: Proverbs 20-21

1/22: Proverbs 22-23

1/23: Proverbs 24

- Make sure your group members have the growth guides. They were handed out Sunday and are on the website. Use those growth guides to lead discussion. Discuss the following especially:
 - What takeaways did you have from Sunday's message? What did you learn? How were you challenged?
 - What are you learning from your weekly readings? What is God teaching you?
 - What sins has God's Word highlighted in your life?
 - What are ways that you can apply what you have been reading?
 - With the three resolutions, how are you doing so far? Have you identified that one thing that is hindering your relationship with God? How are you doing with the reading? How can we pray for you?
- Spend some time praying for each other about resolutions.
- Focal text for the week: Proverbs 19
 - **What does the text say?** Make as many observations as you can. Are there any repeated themes you notice in the various Proverbs? Proverbs is filled with stark and descriptive imagery. Discuss the imagery that is used in different Proverbs in this chapter. What questions do you have? Go back to chapter 1: what is the purpose of Proverbs and what is the key to wisdom? How do these individual Proverbs relate to the purpose of Proverbs and people growing to revere God more?
 - **What does the text mean?** Take a few individual Proverbs and put the meaning into your own words. How do these Proverbs display our foolishness and sinfulness?

Discuss the following: “its important to remember that Proverbs are not promises.”
How do these Proverbs point us to Jesus and what he did for us on the cross?

- **How do I/we apply this passage?** How can I/we apply these various Proverbs? Are there any that are especially applicable?
- **Close in prayer**
 - What can I praise God for?
 - What sins should I confess?
 - What requests do I have after hearing God’s Word?