

# king's chapel

## *Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**This Week's Focus:** Contrasting lady wisdom and the fool.

**This Week's Text:** Proverbs 1:20-33

*"You will never make yourself feel that you are a sinner, because there is a mechanism in you as a result of sin that will always be defending you against every accusation. We are all on very good terms with ourselves, and we can always put up a good case for ourselves. Even if we try to make ourselves feel that we are sinners we will never do it. There is only one way to know that we are sinners and that is to have some dim, glimmering conception of God."* **Martín Lloyd Jones**

*The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.* **Psalm 14:1**

**Related Texts:** Psalm 130:3-4; Job 29:7-8; Proverbs 8:22-31, 3:18; Matthew 11:16-19; Galatians 6:7-8; Genesis 3:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 1:1-4

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What was most inspiring about this week's text/sermon?
- The Bible is not a book primarily about becoming a better person, it is a book of Gospel. Discuss how this fact helps us approach Proverbs' wisdom literature.
- Wisdom can be defined as "humbly living a life that declares and demonstrates the Gospel and our treasuring of Christ." How does this tie into the foundational principle of Proverbs 1:7?
- What are the two characters of the book of Proverbs that were mentioned? How does each gain the attention of their hearers? Reference 1:10 and 1:20-21.
- What is wisdom's cry and to whom does she appeal?

- Read Proverbs 8:22-31. How long has wisdom existed? Why is it significant that the world was established by wisdom? What happened to disturb the peace and order of creation? Reference Genesis 3.
- What is God's plan to re-established complete and lasting Shalom (peace)? Reference Genesis 3:15.
- What is a fool as depicted in Proverbs? Compare and contrast the simple ones and the scoffers as referenced in verse 22. What kind of things does the way of foolishness promise? Where does the road to foolishness lead? Where does the road to wisdom lead? Reference verses 32-33.
- What does God's justice demand? Reference Galatians 6:7-8.
- Do the benefits of wisdom come in this life or in the life to come?
- Jesus is wisdom incarnate. Reference 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 and Matthew 11:16-19. What does this mean? Why is the gospel foolishness to the world? Why is it important to know that wisdom can only be understood and acquired through the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- How does this passage point to the Gospel and the mission of God's Church?

**Next Week's Study:** Friendship