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Session 1

Proverbs 4:23

Session 1: Be a Guardian!

Proverbs 4:23

1. What:

2. How:

3. Why:

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Session 1: Proverbs 4:23

What is the main point of this passage?

What did you learn about God?

What did you learn about God's desire for you?

Is there anything in your actions or thoughts that need to change in response to God's Word?

What is your plan for daily guarding your heart?

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENTS

Session 1: Proverbs 4:23

1. Where do you see me guarding my heart well?

2. Where do you see me needing to grow in guarding my heart?

3. Do you see things in my life that entice my heart away from God?

4. How does my use of free time demonstrate a guarding of my heart?

5. What do you do to diligently guard your heart?

6. Review your plan to guard your heart with your parent. What suggestions do you have for me as I seek to guard my heart?

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Breakout 1

Breakout 1: The Purpose of a Quiet Time

Proverbs chapter 2 reveals that we must seek God's wisdom in God's word for at least four reasons:

1. TO _____ AND _____ GOD (2:5-7)

a. God is worthy of being feared

(1 Chr. 16:25; Ps. 33:8; **47:2**; 76:7, 11-12; Pro. 1:7; Mat. 10:28)

b. God is worthy of all praise and worship

(Ps. 147:1; **Eph. 1:5-6, 11-12, 13-14**; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 1:6)

c. God's attributes are worthy of being known

(**Ex. 34:5-8**; Jer. 9:23-24; Ps. 119:68; 139:1-12; 145:3; Pro. 16:1, 4, 9, 11, 33; Rom. 3:24; Eph. 3:20; Ti. 3:4-5; Heb. 13:8)

What attributes are described in these passages?

- Exodus 34:5-8 (various attributes). Notice that worship is Moses' immediate response to God's revelation of His character.
- Jeremiah 9:23-24 (various attributes)
- Psalm 119:68 (goodness)
- Psalm 139:1-12 (omniscience and omnipresence)
- Psalm 145:3 (greatness/incomprehensibility)
- Proverbs 16 passages (sovereignty)
- Romans 3:24 (grace)
- Titus 3:4-5 (mercy)
- Hebrews 13:8 (immutability)

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2. TO _____ IN UNDERSTANDING, WISDOM, AND KNOWLEDGE (2:9-10)

a. Growth in right thinking begins with fearing God

(Pro. 1:7; 9:10; Rom. 1:21; 3:11, 18)

- **Fearing** God means reverencing/esteeming/loving/worshiping Him in one's heart (internally) and with one's life (externally)

b. Growth in right thinking requires consistently meditating on God's word

(Ps. 1:1-2; 119:6, 11, 15-16, 20, 23, 27, 29, 31; Deut. 4:9-10; 6:4-9, 10-13; 8:11-16; Jer. 8:9; Heb. 2:1)

- A quiet time is not magic hour. They are set apart times of focused communion with God for the purpose of preparing ourselves for whatever is coming (events throughout the day: trials, blessings, temptations, conflict, etc.).

c. Growth in right thinking never ends

(Gen. 2:15-17; Deut. 31:12-13; Ps. 119:12; Mat. 11:1; Jn. 6:45; 1 Thess. 4:9)

- The need for increasing in understanding never ends, even in eternity! Growth in knowledge of the unsearchable triune God is the essence of eternal life (Jn. 17:3).
- Implication: since we will never cease growing in our knowledge of God (even in heaven), knowing God now through His word is a heavenly activity. Quiet times are a taste of heaven!

Breakout 1: The Purpose of a Quiet Time

INSTRUCTIONS: The following verses reveal a truth that is central to the nature of God. Summarize what they teach about God's greatness.

- Deuteronomy 3:24
- Job 26:14
- Psalm 145:3
- Psalm 147:5
- Romans 11:33

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3. TO BE _____ FROM UNGODLY PEOPLE (2:11-19)

a. Self, primarily (Pro. 28:26; Jer. 17:9; Heb. 2:1; 3:7-13)

b. Disobedient children (Pro. 10:1, 5; 1 Cor. 15:33;
2 Tim. 3:1-5)

c. Foolish counselors (Ps. 1:1-2; Pro. 14:7; 15:2; 16:22)

d. Adulterous women (Pro. 5:1-14; 6:20-24; 7:1-5)

- Young men and young women need protection from the adulterous woman; guys from being enticed by her, girls from becoming this type of woman.

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4. TO BE _____ (2:20-22)

- In these final verses, Solomon reveals what is ultimately at stake in seeking God's wisdom — enjoying the future fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. The land of Canaan was first promised to Abraham (Gen. 12:4-7) and will one day be possessed by those whom God has saved (Ps. 37:7-11; Oba. 1:17-21; Mat. 5:3, 5, 10).

a. Pursuing my own holiness is the priority (Pro. 4:23; Mat. 7:24-27; 1 Tim. 4:12, 16; Heb. 3:12, 15; 1 Pet. 1:15-16)

b. Secondly, I am called to be concerned for the holiness of others (Eph. 4:15-16; Heb. 3:12-13; 10:23-25; 1 Thes. 5:14-15)

- Faithful meditation on God's words will prepare me to aid others in pursuing holiness.

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Session 2

I Peter 2:1-3

Session 2: Long for God's Word, understanding...

I Peter 2:1-3

1. this is _____ for believers.
2. sin will dull your _____ for God's Word.
3. you _____ need God's Word.
4. God uses His Word to _____ believers.
5. God is truly _____.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Session 2: Long for God's Word

1 Peter 2:1-3

What is the main point of this lesson?

What did you learn about God?

What did you learn about God's desire for you?

Is there anything in your actions or thoughts that need to change in response to God's Word?

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENTS

Session 2: Long for God's Word

I Peter 2:1-3

1. Do you see sin in my life that might be dulling my craving for God's word? (see list of sins in I Peter 2:1)

2. What do you do or tell yourself when you don't feel like spending time in God's word?

3. What do you love about God's word?

4. How has God used His word to grow you this last year?

5. How have you seen God use His word to grow me this last year?

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Session 3

Why should we trust the Bible?

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1. The Bible is trustworthy because _____

a. We know this because _____.

b. We know this because _____.

Session 3: Why should we trust the Bible?

2. Our Bibles are trustworthy because _____.

Answering Key Questions about the Bible.

- What is the Bible and where did it come from?
- Do the English translations accurately reflect what was originally written?
- Why do we have so many translations?
- Did the original authors tell the truth?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Session 3: Why should we trust the Bible?

Why, ultimately, can we trust our Bibles?

How did we get our Bibles?

Why are there differences in ancient manuscripts (copies) of the Bible?

What might you be tempted to trust rather than God's Word?

What passages can you go to when you struggle with doubt?

Is there anything from today's lesson that was new and helpful to you?

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENTS

Session 3: Why should we trust the Bible?

1. What things do you see that I might be tempted to trust instead of God's Word?

2. What do you do when you are tempted to trust in things other than God's Word?

3. What Bible translation do you prefer and why?

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Breakout 2

Breakout 2: Practicing a Quiet Time

INSTRUCTIONS:

Now that we have discussed the reasons we ought to seek God's wisdom in God's word, we will practice applying these principles together. With your smallgroup, read Matthew 11:20-30, then take time to answer the following questions about the passage.

CONTEXT:

- Matthew wrote his gospel to demonstrate that Jesus, the King of the Jews, was rejected, in typical fashion, by the hard-hearted nation of Israel and, therefore, offered His kingdom to the Gentile nations instead. The gospel's "bookends" support this idea (cf. 2:1-12 and 28:18-20).
- In chapter 10, Jesus is equipping, instructing, and commissioning his disciples to preach the good news of His kingdom to the unbelieving Israelites only (10:5-7). He tells them that He will come behind them, preaching the same message in the same cities (10:23; 11:1). Therefore, by chapter 11, the citizens of these Jewish cities have heard the same message from John the Baptist (11:7-19) and the apostles personally chosen by Jesus (10:1-4) and from Jesus Himself, yet they still have not repented (11:20).
- Chapter 11 provides a snapshot of Jesus' preaching to these unrepentant cities of Israel and culminates with a scathing rebuke (11:20-24) and gentle instructions (11:28-30) that, if heeded, would make these hard-hearted rebels into humble citizens of Jesus' kingdom.

Breakout 2: Practicing a Quiet Time

Purpose 1: To fear and know God

Question: What does this passage teach me about God?

A. God the Father

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Question: What does this passage teach me about God?

B. God the Son

Other Questions:

- What things mentioned in this passage about God should I stand in awe of?
- What should I find amazing or impressive about God?
- Am I impressed?
- How should I respond in worship?

Breakout 2: Practicing a Quiet Time

Purpose 2: To grow in understanding, wisdom and knowledge

Questions:

- What does this passage teach that I need to know, remember, and consider?
- Are there areas of theology that this passage addresses about which my knowledge of Scripture is deficient?
- Is there practical wisdom that this passage demands that I am not currently practicing?

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Purpose 3: To be protected from ungodly people

Questions:

- Do I see my own sin as more dangerous to me than the sins in this passage that I have not committed?
- What must I learn from the descriptions or examples of ungodliness in this passage?
- Are there descriptions of ungodly people with whom I am currently friends?

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Breakout 2: Practicing a Quiet Time

Purpose 4: To be holy

Questions:

- What does Jesus say that I should obey?
- What does Jesus do that I should imitate?
- Is there anything addressed in this passage that I need to change in my life?
- In what ways might you serve the people in your home with the truths of this passage?
- What does this passage say that unbelievers in my life need to know?

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Session 4

Psalms 119:9-16

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In Psalm 119:9-16 we see the purifying power of God's word.

1. The _____ question (9a)

How can a young man keep his way _____?

2. The _____ answer (9b)

By Keeping it according to your _____ .

Session 4: Psalm 119:9-16

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3. The _____ practice (10-16)

a. _____ God with all your heart (10)

b. _____ God's instruction in your heart (11)

c. _____ for instruction from God (12)

d. _____ God's instruction to others (13)

e. _____ in God's instruction (14)

f. _____ on God's instruction (15)

g. _____ God's instruction (16)

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QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENTS

Session 4: Psalm 119:9-16

1. What priority do you see me placing on personal purity of life?
2. Where do you see softness of heart towards God's Word in me?
3. Where do you see hardness of heart towards God's Word in me?

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Breakout 3

Breakout 3: Questions & Answers