

# LOVE, SEX & MARRIAGE



## PROVERBS #4



Bible studies 2012

## OUR NEED FOR WISDOM

Proverbs contains a lot of wisdom gathered from noticing patterns in God's creation. All people in all cultures have noticed some of these patterns. That's why there is some wisdom to be found in all cultures around the world.

So we notice patterns that are built in to the creation. But one of the problems is that this world is broken because of humanity's sin. Life doesn't always happen in a predictable way. The unexpected happens.

This means that sometimes our world feels good, and we enjoy the blessings that God has given us. (Whether we're Christians or not.) But at other times the world feels terrible, and everything seems to go wrong. (Whether we're Christians or not.) Everyone experiences the brokenness of the world.

Love, sex and marriage are our topics tonight. We certainly experience both the good and the bad in these areas. Sometimes everything works out and life feels great! But at other times love hurts and nothing seems to happen the way we want it to.

Pray now that God will give your group wisdom as you study Proverbs together.

## ICE-BREAKER

If you could ask God one question about love, sex, and marriage, what would it be?

## LOVE IN A GOOD WORLD GONE BAD

5:15–23

21:9

30:18–19

30:21–23

19:14

27:8

30:20

31:30

Read the above proverbs and then make a list of:

1. Times when we still experience God’s good gifts of love, sex, and marriage.
2. Times when love, sex, and marriage feel broken and hurtful.

| The Good | The Bad |
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Are there other things that we could add to these lists?

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## CONCLUSION

How do you think we should respond when we experience the blessings of God in these areas?

How should we respond when we feel the brokenness of the world?

How do these proverbs compare with what today's society says? Which parts are similar? Which parts are not?

What then do *you* need to take particular notice of? Where do you need to change your views to line up with God's view?

Share this with the group, or in pairs, and then pray for one another.