

COMPASSION



PROVERBS #7



Bible studies 2012

OUR NEED FOR WISDOM

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

ICE-BREAKER

Discuss the following sayings. (They are not from the Bible.)

“Nice guys finish last”

“You have to tread on heads to get to the top”

THE POOR, THE NEEDY, THE POWERLESS

Read the following proverbs:

14:31

21:13

29:7

19:17

22:22

31:1–9

How does God want us to treat the poor and the needy?

How are you doing these things?

According to these proverbs, why should we care about those less fortunate than ourselves?

King Lemuel's mother (31:4–7) warned her son about drunkenness, because it could make him forget about caring for the poor and needy. What might make us forget about caring for the poor and the needy?

Even when we want to care for the poor sometimes it seems too hard. What makes it so difficult?

CONCLUSION

How does God want you to respond tonight?

If you have time... Think back over the Proverbs series. We have heard a lot of practical advice about the power of words, being children and parents, husbands and wives, our work, our money, and caring for the poor.

As Christians, we know we are saved not by living a good life, but by Jesus' sacrifice. So what place does the moral life of Proverbs have for us as Christians?

This is the end our of Proverbs series. Pray together, and give thanks for the wisdom God has given you over the last two months.

There are many, many proverbs that we haven't had time to discuss together. You might like to read through the whole book of Proverbs yourself sometime—one or two proverbs a day is plenty!