



LIFE Group Discussion Guide

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Proverbs 22:1

CONVERSATION STARTERS

What are some highs or lows you experienced this past week?

What Scripture has been shaping you recently?

Where have you seen God moving in your life this week?

What did you hear in today's sermon OR read in today's passage that you would like to discuss?

What did you learn about yourself in today's sermon/passage?

What did you learn about God in today's sermon/passage?

What convicted you as you listened to today's sermon OR read in today's passage?

OPENING

What is something people are often known for (reputation-wise)? What makes a reputation good or bad?

In today's world, success is often measured by money, achievements, or influence. But Proverbs 22:1 gives us a very different perspective on what truly matters.

Today we'll explore how a godly reputation is more valuable than wealth or status.

SCRIPTURE READING

Read **Proverbs 22:1** aloud together.

Ask the group to listen for:

- What is being compared
- What is valued most
- What choice is being encouraged

PASSAGE SUMMARY

This proverb emphasizes priorities:

- “A good name” refers to character, integrity, and reputation.
- “Great riches” represent material wealth and success.
- “Favor” refers to respect and trust from others.

Who you are matters more than what you have. This doesn’t mean wealth is wrong, but it must never come at the expense of character.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does it mean to have a “good name”?

A reputation marked by integrity, honesty, trustworthiness, and consistent character.

Why do you think Scripture places such high value on a good reputation?

Because character reflects our relationship with God and influences others. A good reputation builds trust and opens doors for impact.

How does our culture typically define success? How does this verse challenge that?

Culture often values wealth, status, and recognition. This verse shifts the focus to character and integrity as the true measure of success.

What are some ways people are tempted to sacrifice their reputation for gain?

Dishonesty, cutting corners, compromising values, prioritizing success over integrity.

Why is a good reputation difficult to build but easy to lose?

It takes time and consistency to earn trust, but one poor decision can damage it quickly.

What does it mean to have “favor” with others, and why is it valuable?

It means having respect and goodwill from others. It creates influence and reflects a life of integrity.

How does our relationship with God shape the kind of reputation we build?

A heart aligned with God produces integrity, humility, and consistency in how we live and interact with others.

APPLICATION

What kind of reputation are you currently building in your daily life?

Encourage reflection in work, family, church, and relationships.

Is there an area where you may be tempted to compromise your character for convenience or gain?

Invite honest self-examination.

What is one intentional step you can take this week to strengthen your integrity and build a good name?

Examples: honesty in small things, keeping commitments, speaking truth, acting consistently.

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Why does integrity often require sacrifice?

How can we rebuild trust if our reputation has been damaged?

What role does consistency play in developing a good name?

How does living for God's approval differ from living for others' approval?

CLOSING THOUGHT

A good name isn't built in big moments—it's built in daily choices.

Am I more focused on what I have or who I am becoming?

Challenge your LIFE group to choose integrity even when it is costly.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next week we will discuss **Proverbs 23:26-28** as we continue our series, *Uncommon Sense: God's Wisdom in a Foolish World*.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Thank God for valuing our character over our success.
- Ask Him to help us live with integrity in every area of life.
- Pray for wisdom to choose what is right over what is easy or profitable.
- Pray specifically for the invitation portion of our worship services—that hearts will be open, the Spirit will move powerfully, and people will respond in obedience to Christ.

COMMENTARY

Proverbs 22:1

The verse is not disparaging wealth; it is merely noting that a good reputation is worth more than silver or gold. Only a good name is to be desired, for it brings praise, influence, and prosperity. A good reputation excels other blessings in life.