



# 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

**If people at school had to describe you in one word, what do you think they would say?**

Most people today want to be known for popularity, success, or what they have. But this verse flips that idea and shows us what actually matters most.

Today we'll learn that who you are is more important than what you have.

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## SCRIPTURE

Read **Proverbs 22:1** together.

Ask students to listen for:

- What is being compared
- What is more valuable
- What choice we're supposed to make

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## PASSAGE SUMMARY

- "A good name" = your reputation—what people know you for
- It's about your character: honesty, integrity, trustworthiness
- "Riches" = money, success, status, popularity

The verse is saying that your character is worth more than anything you could gain. You might impress people with what you have, but you earn respect by who you are.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**What does it mean to have a "good name" as a student?**

Being known as honest, kind, dependable, respectful, and someone who does what's right.

**Why do you think God values character more than success or popularity?**

Because character shows your heart. Success can fade, but who you are matters long-term.

**What are some things students today try to be known for?**

Popularity, sports, looks, social media, achievements.

**How can someone damage their reputation quickly?**

Lying, gossip, bad choices, disrespect, poor decisions.

**Why is it hard to keep a good reputation sometimes?**

Peer pressure, wanting to fit in, temptation, taking shortcuts.

**What does it mean to have "favor" with others?**

People trust you, respect you, and want to be around you.

**How does your relationship with God affect your reputation?**

When you follow God, it changes how you act, speak, and treat people.

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## APPLICATION

**What kind of reputation do you think you currently have?**

(Be honest—how do others likely see you?)

**Is there an area where your actions don't match the reputation you want?**

(At school, online, with friends, at home.)

**What is one choice you can make this week to build a stronger, more godly reputation?**

Tell the truth, do the right thing when no one's watching, treat others with respect, keep your word

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**Why is it easier to lose a good reputation than to build one?**

**How can social media affect your "name" or reputation?**

**What does it look like to care more about what God thinks than what others think?**

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## CLOSING THOUGHT

A good name isn't built overnight—it's built one choice at a time. And the choices you make when no one is watching matter the most.

Challenge students:

This week, focus on being known for the right things.

Give a moment of quiet reflection:

"God, help me become the person You want me to be."

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## LOOKING AHEAD

Next week we will discuss **Proverbs 22:1** as we continue our series, *Uncommon Sense: God's Wisdom in a Foolish World*.

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## PRAYER FOCUS

Pray together:

- Thank God for caring about who we are, not just what we do.
- Ask Him to help students live with integrity and strong character.
- Pray for courage to make right choices even under pressure.

- 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.

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## **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.