



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker: Do you have a great kite flying story to share? If not, how about a favorite Spring tradition or adventure you recall?

1. Who comes to mind when you think of the word “dependable?” What traits does this person demonstrate? What impact is made when people aren’t dependable based on Proverbs 25:14? Have you encountered people who are dependable in some areas of their life but not others? Why might that be?
2. Read Proverbs 9:9, 12:1, 19:20 and 12:15. Based on these verses, why is it important to remain teachable? Is this easy for you or do you struggle with new ideas and thoughts? Do you actively seek out advice and opinions from others?
3. Review the verses Pastor Tom provided on generosity of your Message Notes. Which of these verses challenges you the most? In what ways is it challenging for you to be generous? What are we promised in Psalm 112:5-9? How might this promise help you grow in generosity?
4. As Pastor Tom said, “Success can ruin people.” Who have you known *personally* that has lived this tragic mistake? In contrast to Proverbs 16:18, who has demonstrated Colossians 3:12 in your life? How does humility foster healthy relationships? How do you respond to praise and flattery? How can it become or remain “bubble gum” in your life?
5. If you could write your own epitaph, what would you want it to say? See Proverbs 10:7 for inspiration. How does allowing God’s Word and God’s Spirit working in our hearts and minds impact how we will be remembered? What steps do you need to take this week to impact your reputation?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Read Psalm 41

Day 2: Read Psalm 42

Day 3: Read Psalm 43

Day 4: Read Psalm 44

Day 5: Read Psalm 45



MESSAGE NOTES AND DISCUSSION-PERSONAL GUIDES



“Wise Reputation”
[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

...how can we discern what is _____ true?

Note Proverbs 22:1

How can we _____ the respect of others and develop a good reputation?

1. Be _____

Being dependable (i.e., reliable, consistent, responsible, tried and true, unimpeachable) is the logical link to being _____.

Note Proverbs 25:14

To be responsible and _____ can make a tremendous difference in most areas of life.

2. Be _____

Note Proverbs 9:9; 12:1; 19:20

People we _____ and recognize are those who, no matter what their age, experience, educational level and achievements, are ever-learning, are open to new thoughts and ideas, and are willing to _____ seek out the advice and opinions of others (*note Proverbs 12:15*).

3. Be _____

Note Proverbs 14:21; 28:27; 3:27

Note I Timothy 5:3-4, 8; Galatians 6:9-10

Proverbs 11:25; II Corinthians 9:6-8

People may have an _____ of us based on what we get and have.

But people are _____ for what they give.

What good is it to make _____, but not make a life? (*note Psalm 112:5-9*)

4. Be _____

It's important that we know how to experience success with genuine _____.

Success can _____ people.

Note Colossians 3:12; Proverbs 16:18

Arrogance is _____.

Real humility (not false humility) is a _____ and honorable (*note Proverbs 29:23*).

Humility is not denying our strengths, but being honest about our w_____.
(*note I Corinthians 15:10*)

How can humility be “m_____” in our lives? (*note Proverbs 27:21*)

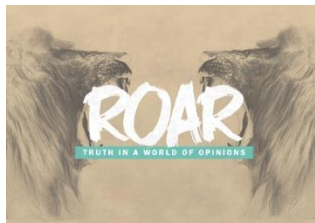
By how we respond to _____ and flattery.

_____ is like bubblegum; always enjoy it, but never swallow it.

In a world full of opinions, God's wisdom and truth matter:

- By allowing God's Word and God's Spirit to work _____ in our hearts and minds...
- ...we will earn respect from others without ever setting it as our _____ goal.
- What will we be remembered for (*note Proverbs 10:7*)?

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the Connect Card to let us know about your commitment, too!



“Wise Reputation”

[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

...how can we discern what is actually true?

Note Proverbs 22:1

How can we earn the respect of others and develop a good reputation?

1. Be Dependable

Being dependable (i.e., reliable, consistent, responsible, tried and true, unimpeachable) is the logical link to being honest.

Note Proverbs 25:14

To be responsible and reliable can make a tremendous difference in most areas of life.

2. Be Teachable

Note Proverbs 9:9; 12:1; 19:20

People we esteem and recognize are those who, no matter what their age, experience, educational level and achievements, are ever-learning, are open to new thoughts and ideas, and are willing to actively seek-out the advice and opinions of others (note Proverbs 12:15).

3. Be Generous

Note Proverbs 14:21; 28:27; 3:27

Note 1 Timothy 5:3-4, 8; Galatians 6:9-10

Proverbs 11:25; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

People may have an image of us based on what we get and have.

But people are honored for what they give.

What good is it to make a living but not make a life? (note Psalm 112:5-9)

4. Be Humble

It's important that we know how to experience success with genuine humility.

Success can ruin people.

Note Colossians 3:12; Proverbs 16:18

Arrogance is ugly.

Real humility (not false humility) is attractive and honorable (note Proverbs 29:23).

Humility is not denying our strengths, but being honest about our weaknesses... (note 1 Corinthians 15:10)

How can humility be “measured” in our lives? (note Proverbs 27:21)

By how we respond to praise and flattery.

Praise is like bubblegum; always enjoy it, but never swallow it.

In a world full of opinions, God's wisdom and truth matter:

- By allowing God's Word and God's Spirit to work deeply in our hearts and minds...
- ...we will earn respect from others without ever setting it as our primary goal.
- What will we be remembered for (note Proverbs 10:7)?

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