

Proverbs 6:1-19

Trapped by folly or freed by wisdom?



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Proverbs 6:1-19

1. There are three kinds of foolishness that are described in 6:1-19. What is the first kind of foolishness in 6:1-15? Why is the situation described here so foolish?
2. Note the language of trapped and freed in 6:2, 5. Discuss how wisdom and foolishness are like powers that either capture or liberate. Why is it important for us all to realise that wisdom is “out there” and that to become wise we need to go and get it?
3. What is the second way of being foolish in 6:6-11? How does the work of ants help us to understand wisdom as against foolishness?
4. The third kind of foolishness is described in 6:12-15 and then stated again in 6:16-19. Discuss the parts of the body that are given over to foolishness as this kind of person chooses to live a foolish life.

The Scriptures – Proverbs 6:1-19

5. There are several other proverbs that describe the foolishness of pledging security for a neighbour. Read either 11:15, 17:18 or 22:26-27 and discuss what these proverbs have to say.
6. Wisdom is portrayed in the book of Proverbs as a Liberator or a powerful Saviour. Read and discuss the words of Proverbs 2:6-12.
7. James is a wonderful NT book of wisdom sayings. Discuss what James has to say about wisdom in James 1:5-8 and James 3:13-18.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Proverbs 6:1-19 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. What are some foolish practices or habits from which you want to be free?
9. What are some wise habits that you want to embrace?
10. How can we support you as you grow in wisdom?