

life groups

Questions for the Week of April 23

1. What's the most unusual or remarkable home you've visited? What stood out?
2. In the passage and message from Proverbs 14, what was encouraging, challenging, confusing, or surprising? Why?
3. Read Proverbs 14:1. What are some traits that mark people who build (encourage, improve, edify) their households, neighborhoods, workplaces, communities? What is the one you'd like to focus on for yourself?
4. Read Proverbs 14:4. Doing anything significant requires some measure of mess or hassle. Share a time when you saw that the hassle was worth the harvest.
5. Read Proverbs 14:8, 10, 13. What do you think are the greatest benefits of self-awareness ("consider his way"). What about emotional intelligence (understanding your own and others' journey/story)? Why is EQ often more important than IQ?
6. Read Proverbs 14:12, 15. In what situations might you be a little more inexperienced, gullible, or naïve? When are you more cautious? Why is discernment important for you?
7. Read Proverbs 14:20, 21, 31. "The only antidote to materialism is generosity." How does generosity break the power of constantly wanting to acquire, accumulate, and consume? Why is generosity so transformative in the life of Jesus-followers?
8. Read Proverbs 14:26,27. To fear the Lord is to take him seriously by consistently saying "yes" to him. How does a healthy fear of God bring us more freedom in life? How does it build confidence? Give an example.
9. Read Proverbs 14:34. How does your moral character lift up the community and nation? How do spiritual and moral failures have a negative effect—not just on the individual, but also upon a much larger circle of people?
10. Imagine your life as concentric circles where the inner circle is your house, the next circle out is your community, and the next circle out is the nation. Pray together for everyone to "live right where you live." Pray for impact in all these circles.