

PROVERBS: HOW TO BECOME A FOOL

Life Group Questions | Sunday, July 26, 2020

Read Proverbs 26:6-12. What does it mean to be a fool? What stands out to you from this passage? Do you have a story to share about something foolish from your life?

Read Proverbs 13:20. It has been said that we are the average of the five people we spend the most time with. Who are your traveling companions? How do they encourage you in the way of wisdom? Take a few minutes to reflect individually on the kind of traveling companion you are to your friends. Share as you are willing.

Proverbs 12:15. The fool is often the last person to realize they have become a fool. How do we know if we are headed down a foolish path? Discuss the following **warning signs**. Before thinking of others, think through these warning signs with your own life and posture in mind.

- **Fools talk more than they listen.** *We have one mouth and two ears. Fools don't ask questions.*
- **Fools have an answer for everything.** *Fools hardly ever say things like - I don't know or I am not sure.*
- **Fools rarely admit they are wrong.** *Fools don't say they are sorry. Fools don't ask for forgiveness. Fools don't do repentance.*
- **Fools are their own counselor.** *Fools don't seek advice and are skeptical of experts.*
- **Fools are surrounded by people who agree with them.** *Fools don't associate with people who are different than they are. They don't hang out with anyone who doesn't reinforce their view of the world.*
- **Fools haven't changed their mind about anything in a long time.** *Fools are closed minded. Fools are not works in progress. Fools don't value change.*

Name the emotions you are feeling after reading and discussing this list. Where do you sense God's gentle conviction and invitation to grow?

Take a few minutes to **pray** through these areas. Ask God's Spirit to lead you and to cultivate the way of wisdom in your life. Close by **reading Titus 3:3-7** aloud.