

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Two Ways. Two Outcomes.”

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Discussion Points

- “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.” Prov. 12:1

We all experience a lot of failure through our lives. Learning how to learn from failure is a vital part of growing. And the greatest barrier to success is the fear of failure. Would you say you are a person who is growing because you are one who loves discipline and knowledge or would you say you hate correction? Why do you say that? Give examples. What does it take to become a person who loves discipline and knowledge? Why is it stupid to hate correction?

- True learners are those who desire to know what they are doing wrong so they can change. Would you say you are a person who is open to feedback and being told what you are doing wrong or do you tend to get angry and defensive? What makes you that way?

- “A wife of noble character is her husband’s crown, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones.” Prov. 12:4

Wives, which of the two most describes you and why (What would your husband say?)—A wife of noble character who is her husband’s crown or a disgraceful wife who is like decay?

- “A man is praised according to his wisdom, but men with warped minds are despised.” Prov. 12:8

Husbands/Men, which best describes you and why? (What would your wife or others who know you well say?)—A man praised for his wisdom or a man with a warped mind?

- “A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.” Prov 12:16

Which best characterizes you? The fool or a prudent person; Do you get annoyed easily and show it quickly or do you have self-control and demonstrate the ability to overlook insults? Why do you think you are that way? What would it take to help you grow more and more toward prudence?

- How did the two video clips from “Fireproof” impact you? What did you learn about yourself and marriage/relationships from watching them?

- Proverbs tells us that there are two ways to live. They have two very different outcomes. Jesus also said there are two ways—the narrow way that leads to life and the broad way which leads to death. Which way are you on? Why do you say that?

Main Text:

Proverbs 12