

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Grow UP in Purity

Proverbs 7:6-27

Leader's Note: Due to the sensitive nature of this week's subject matter, it is recommended that the men and women to split into separate groups starting at the 'Assess Your Life' section. Make two copies of these notes so that each group has access to the questions.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Proverbs 7:1-9. Observe the young man in this passage. What signs does he exhibit which show him to be simpleton? What foolish choices is he making?

Read Proverbs 7:10-21. How does the adulteress successfully snare her victim? What appeals does she make to lure him in, and why are these appeals so dangerous? How are these same appeals being used to draw people into sexual sin in our world today?

Read Proverbs 7:22-27. What are the ultimate consequences of sexual sin?

Is this passage only a warning for young men about the dangers of adultery, or does it have a broader application for everyone? If so, how can every one of us heed the warning given in this passage?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Leader's Note: Have the men and women split into two separate groups at this point.

How does our current culture's view of human sexuality compare and contrast with the biblical view?

How seriously do you take sexual sin in your own life? Are there areas of your life where you have let your guard down and begun to compromise with sexual sin? Are some of the characteristics of a simpleton evident in your life? Explain your answer.

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

What hope does God offer to those who are struggling with sexual sin? What has Jesus done for those who have failed in this area of their lives?

Why is it a mistake to assume that we are "strong enough" to handle sexual temptation when we encounter it?

Based on principles gleaned from today's passage, what is the best approach for dealing with sexual temptation? What "moral fences" should be put in place in our lives in order to help us avoid sexual temptation in the first place?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

How can we hold each other accountable in this area?