

Sermon Notes

Being Wise about Alcohol

a study in Proverbs

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

20:1 **Whoever get intoxicated is not wise.**

21:17 **He who loves pleasures may become a poor man.**

23:30-35 **Even the connoisseur of alcohol is in danger of being a drunk, and suffering it's harms, and still not stopping.**

23:20 **Do not be with heavy drinkers of alcohol.**

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Suggested related reading: Ephesians 5:18-19, Philippians 4:6-7, Matthew 6:31-34

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Application questions for 7/8/18 sermon

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(I would suggest dividing into guys and ladies separately to answer just this first question.

Try to have everyone answer this question.)

What is something that in the last couple months you have said you wanted to work on, and how are you doing with that?

Begin by reading the Proverbs we studied this week: 20:1, 21:17, 23:30-35, 23:20

From reading all those verses, what is the top thing that stands out to you?

What is your reason for drinking or not drinking alcohol?

When a person is impaired by alcohol, what are some of the things they can do that are not what we want to do as Christians? And what things do we want to be able to do as Christians, which the impairment might make more difficult? The example was given in the sermon of restraining our words and being thoughtful about what we say.

What are some of the life problems drinking can cause? (with work, marriage, parenting, social, etc.)

Even if you think you don't drink to the level that it causes any of the problems talked about so far, is it possible those things could start happening and you wouldn't notice there is a problem?

Tell about your personal experiences, either of you or someone you've known well, who has fallen into significant problems with alcohol. How did that person start out using alcohol - as a way to relax, as a casual thing with friends, as a connoisseur, etc.? Keep it brief.

What do you think about what was said in the sermon about the connoisseur-type drinker?

(Make sure to make it to these questions, and give everyone an opportunity to answer.)

Is there anything you want to change about the way you currently behave toward alcohol?

What specific steps do you think you need to take toward making the change?

How are you teaching your kids about alcohol, by example and/or conversation? And is there anything you want to do differently?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.