

## **Bible Summary**

Proverbs

Ambition

Proverb's big theme is ambition. It's filled with verses about the drives we have, striving, money, learning, listening, accomplishing and doing something. How do we frame ambition according to the gospel and how do we walk out ambition in the Kingdom?

Scriptures – 1 Corinthians 15:10; 2 Timothy 2:6, 15, 3:15-17; Romans 8:28; Proverbs 14:4, 26:16, 27:17, 10:5, 20:4, 20:29, 19:2, 16:1-4, 7:25; Matthew 6:33, Genesis 41:38-41; Exodus 31:1-5

## **Bible Questions & Application**

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. Before hearing today's message, did you think of ambition was good, bad, or neutral? Why?
2. "Grace is not opposed to effort, it's opposed to earning." Discuss.
3. "Failure is fertilizer for future fruit."
  - a. How is that true?
  - b. How can we improve our response to failure? Our own or someone around us?
4. Consider a time you failed greatly or made a big mess of something. Did it make you afraid to try again? Why?
5. What are the challenges of surrounding yourself with people who can sharpen you?
  - a. Name a few people in your life who sharpen you. (Prov. 27:17)
  - b. What qualities do they bring to the table and how exactly do they sharpen you?
6. Sometimes it feels like we're doing our best and taking all the proper steps but we're not seeing results-- sometimes even for years at a time. How can we remain faithful during these times?
7. Is it possible God's Spirit empowers any believer in any occupation? Why or why not?
  - a. What does it look like to be spirit-filled in what you are doing now?
8. The world views successful people as people with visible, tangible achievements. How can we as believers redefine success in a way that honors faithfulness as highly as achievement?

## **"Getting to Know You" Questions**

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you're particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
3. What is one thing you are looking forward to?
4. How can we pray for you this week?