

Bible Summary

Proverbs Broken Relationships

Humans have a consistent history of broken relationships. Proverbs gives both warnings and cures to our human condition. Ultimately, we need to use the one weapon we have to overcome evil and that is with good.

Scriptures --Proverbs 11:12-13, 17:9, 23:7, 25:7b-8, 17, 27:5-6, 25:21-22; Romans 8:19-20, 12:18; John 8:48; Luke 10:29; Philippians 4:8

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.
There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. Think of the last time you were belittled by someone -- whether through words or actions.
 - a. Regardless of the person's intentions, how did it make you feel?
 - b. Now think of a time you belittled someone else. If you could redo that moment, what would you change?
2. Does racism break God's heart? What does fighting against racism look like for you?
3. Why do you think God tells us not to gloat over our enemies?
4. How can negative thoughts be turned positive? (30 second rule)
5. At one time sin separated us from God, but Jesus mended that broken relationship by making the ultimate sacrifice. What can we learn from Jesus about becoming the bridge for those in broken relationships?
6. What are the challenges of being a peacemaker? How do you train yourself to use water instead of gasoline? What has being a peacemaker cost you?
7. List broken relationships in your life; what are some steps you can take toward healing those relationships?

"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?