



SDG Discussion Guide

Proverbs 3:1-6

October 11, 2020

Guideline:

Before you begin, pray. Ask God to enlighten you, to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through events, places and people. Ask Him to enliven and guide your group in your readings and discussion.

Next, read aloud and slowly **Proverbs 3:1-6**. As you can take turns and read aloud these verses again, this time from a different bible translation.

For starters:

Share a happy memory from an anniversary or birthday -- any anniversary or birthday.

What has UCM meant to you in 2020? Or, what has God revealed or taught to you in 2020 (this could be anything)?

See the following questions that may assist you in your discussion of the Scripture.

1. What is a point or two that stayed with you from the message this past Anniversary Sunday, October 11, "He is Still Faithful"?

2. What three sections do you observe in the passage (introduced by "My son")? What instruction, benefits and exhortation accompany that lead-in address? Within each section, what verses best sum up what the teaching is all about?

3. How does one know if God is trustworthy (vv 5-6)? Does such faith involve a "blind step"? Or is faith predicated on understanding based on sound teaching (vv 1-4)? Why is that?

4. Who makes it possible to have wisdom (see 2 Corin 3:5-6)? Why is this the only trustworthy wisdom?

5. A "good name" (honor, reputation, good legacy) is highly valued in many cultures. How does this passage suggest a person or people gain it (v 4)?

6. Referencing verses 5-6, how might you reply to someone skeptical of belief in Jesus or God that is genuinely interested in your answer to their question: How can you believe in all those ancient stories in the Bible -- how do those matter today?

7. Where have you experienced the leading of the Lord this year or in the past (as in vv 5-6)? Share your stories of God's leading and trustworthiness. When you hear someone's story, how does it make you feel? Capture the points you can relate to and let these now inform your prayer time in the group.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).