

# Ancient wisdom that works today

## Proverbs 8 – 9 Choose Wisely

### 1. Wisdom's Call

- I am priceless 'wisdom is more precious than rubies' 1 – 11
- I am powerful 'By me Kings reign' 12 – 21
- I am the 'brain' behind creation 22 – 31
- I am the source of life 'Whoever finds me finds life' 32 - 36

### 2. Listen and Choose

- Listen verse 6 – We are not born wise!
- Choose Verse 10 (Take) my instructions – Act
  - Fool, Sluggard, Simple or wise?
- Wisdom is good for everyone! Verse 32 -35
- Folly is self harm

### 3. Wisdom's invitation 9 1- 12

- A secure house – 7 pillars hewn
- A good meal
- An invitation to the simple and those who lack judgement
  - Keep away from the mocker
- Long life and great rewards

### 4. Folly calls out too

- Loud, undisciplined and without knowledge
- Her guests are in the depths of the grave.

### 5. Standing on the threshold what will I do?

- Fool – he mocks
- The simple – chooses folly and death
- The sluggard – chooses but takes no action
- The wise – receive a garland and a chain – it is priceless!

## Digging Deeper

### Read Proverbs 8

1. Over the past eight weeks we have studied this book of wisdom:
  - a. What has stood out for you?
  - b. What has confused you?
  - c. What has your response been?
2. In what ways does creation point us to wisdom?
3. Do you feel God's delight, joy and pleasure? How do you experience that?

### Read Proverbs 9

1. What are the differences between wisdom's house and folly's?
2. Proverbs often repeats phrases 0 why does the writer do this and what can we learn from that about how we grow in wisdom?
3. What area of life do you need God to speak wisdom? How would you go about listening to him?

This week each afternoon we are holding our Holiday Bible Club. Pray for the team running it and the children attending.