

**THE WAY OF THE WISE: A STUDY OF PROVERBS**  
**The Intoxication of Beauty, Sex, Dating and Marriage, Proverbs 5**

*This week, consider dividing men and women into separate groups for the discussion. We think this will lead to deeper, more direct conversations in this study. Give lots of grace and freedom to one another in this discussion, as people may have different experiences and different levels of comfort in talking about these topics.*

**LEARNING THE WORD**

1. Read Proverbs 5. What 2-3 verses most catch your attention? Why?
2. Verses 2-3 use the image of the lips to teach a lesson. What are the differences in the ways the lips are used in verse 2 and 3?
3. In verses 1-6, what lessons are offered about the seduction of sex outside of marriage?
4. In verses 7-14, what negative progression do you see in these verses? Why do you think they end in confession (verses 12-14)?
5. In verses 15-20, the passage turns to a positive focus on sex within marriage. Based on these verses, how would you describe the Bible's view of sexuality?

**LIVING THE WORD**

6. Verses 21-23 connect our sexuality and our spirituality, showing us that the Lord cares about our sex lives. Why is this an important topic for us to talk about, even when it can be uncomfortable?
7. If our sexuality is a God-designed, God-given gift to be valued, managed, and enjoyed in a God-honoring way, how should followers of Jesus stand out in our world in our stewardship of this gift?
8. In light of this discussion, what is one way the group can pray for you as you seek to live in light of this passage?