

Group Meeting 18
for Lessons 50-52
Two Hills and a Valley

Looking back (this past week):

- ☞ Ask, “What are your main “takeaways” from the lessons this past week?”
- ☞ Go over the completed Quiz **OR** give it as an open-book test
- ☞ Discuss their experience with the *Proverbs* ‘chapter of the day’ chart.
What were the major things they learned?
- ☞ Using the activity on page 203 as a guide, encourage various ones to share times when their life situation changed, and they had to choose between *Wisdom’s Hill* and *Folly’s Hill*.
 - Ask, “Which “hill” would have been the easier route to take?”
 - “What has been the long-term result of the decision you made?”
- ☞ The **Valley of Decision** gives five “true statements.”
(activity on pages 206 & 209)
 - Divide the class into five groups. Assign each one of the five statements below (also found in the book).
 - As a group, they are to rephrase their assigned statement in different words.
 - Then think of an example of each of the five ‘true statements’ from the Bible, history, current events, or from the life of someone they know.
 - 1. “A fool will be a fool, no matter what we do.”**

*The one who corrects a mocker will bring dishonor on himself;
the one who rebukes a wicked man will get hurt.
Don’t rebuke a mocker, or he will hate you;*
 - 2. “A wise person will increase in wisdom, no matter what we do.”**

*...rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.
Instruct a wise man, and he will be wiser still;
teach a righteous man, and he will learn more.*

3. “Those who honor God’s presence will move toward wisdom.”

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:
and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

4. “The wise care about a quality future.”

*For by Wisdom, your days will be many,
and years will be added to your life.*

5. “We must live on whichever hill we choose”

*If you are wise, you are wise for your own benefit;
if you mock, you alone will bear the consequences.*

Looking forward (this coming week):

- ☞ Have them continue reading the Proverbs ‘chapter of the day,’
- ☞ On three of the days, ask them to select a proverb and “go deeper” with it.
 - Decide which design of the two-line proverb is being used. (page 213)
 - Identify which of the four kinds of wisdom is being used, Knowledge, Understanding, Instruction, or Discretion. (pages 213 & 214)
- ☞ As you review, ask what they gained by going through *Life Skills from the Book of Proverbs*.

Quiz

Hand out Quiz 19 if it is being used as a “study guide” in preparation for Group Meeting 19.