

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Grow UP in Responsibility

Proverbs 6:1-11, 10:4, 21:5, 28:19, 20:13

God wants us to grow UP in responsibility, for our good and His glory.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Proverbs 6:1-11. In what ways do ants provide us with a commendable example of how we should live?

Read Proverbs 10:4, 21:5, 28:19 and 20:13. In all of these passages, what two ways of life are being contrasted? What are the consequences of following each of these two ways?

What virtues is the writer commending to us? What vices does he hope we will avoid?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What are some telltale signs that a person is slack handed, hasty in their dealings, a follower of worthless pursuits and a lover of sleep? Might some of these characteristics be true of you?

Is it unspiritual to plan for the future? After all, isn't God in control of the future? If so, what is the purpose of diligence and wise planning?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Are there any areas of your life you can share where you have failed to take proper responsibility for yourself and others? Are there distractions in your life that are holding you back? If so, how might that change?

How might you apply the virtues of diligence, hard work, alertness and prudent planning to your daily life? Think of some concrete action steps that you might take.

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

How will you live a life of responsibility and diligence this week? How can your group support you in this endeavor?