



INTRODUCTION:

What is the hardest decision you have had to make? What made the decision difficult? How did you go about making the decision? Did you ask anyone for advice? Who? Why them?

TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOOK:

Read Proverbs 9:1-6

What is lady wisdom doing?

Who is she inviting to her party (simple simply means naïve, inexperienced, easily led astray because of that)? Why the simple? What is she encouraging the simple to do? What happens to her party guests?

Read Proverbs 9:13-18

What is lady folly doing?

Who is she inviting to her party? What is she encouraging the simple to do? What happens to her party guests?

It's no mistake that all of Solomon's illustrations of how wisdom and folly play out are highly relational. For example 9:7-9 shows how confrontation and correction work out in relationships. What is the difference between the scoffer

and the wicked man's response to confrontation and correction and the wise man's? What does that tell us about the attitude of the wise man?

TAKE IT HOME:

Reflecting on Proverbs 1-9 what is God's desire for us in regard to our choices?

Meditate on 9:10. What is Solomon trying to tell his sons by repeating this phrase over again? What are some of the attributes of God? How do those attributes give us insight into the decisions we make? (i.e. Love-we know it's wrong to hate, but if I don't love someone as well as I could have, is that a sin?)