

# Proverbs Bible Study

## The wise wife

1. What do people think are typically characteristics of a 'good wife'?
2. Read Gen 2:18-25. How do we understand the role of a wife at creation?
3. Read the verses below and discuss how the fall has now distorted the role of a wife and the impact on marriage relationships.

Gen 3:14-16

Prov 7:10-23

Prov 12:4

Prov 19:13

Prov 21:9

Prov 25:24

Prov 26:20

Prov 27:15-16

4. Read through Proverbs 31:10-31 in respect to wives. What characteristics of the 'wife of noble character' stand out to you?
5. How might these characteristics impact her family and those she relates to in her community?

6. Verse 30 expresses that this is a woman who 'fears the Lord'. How might the fear of the Lord be the motivating factor in her endeavors throughout this chapter?
  
7. Read Ephesians 5:22-24, 1 Peter 3:1-6
  - How are wives called to relate to their husbands?
  
  - If the church's submission to Christ is to be our model, how might this look like for a wife in everyday terms?  
(reflect on how Proverbs helps us better understand this call)
  
8. When thinking about the role of being a wife, how might grace and dependence Jesus make a difference for the Christian wife?

Spend time praying for the wives in your group and in our church. That they might rely on Christ and put into practice some of the challenges from the book of Proverbs.