



Sermon Discussion Guide

February 23, 2025 | Proverbs 9 | Jerrod

*Equipping Season (March 2-30). Today (Sunday) is the last day to sign up.

SUMMARY

Title: How to choose between two “women” (Lady wisdom and Lady Folly)

Big Idea: We need to listen to and accept the invitation of wisdom and follow wisdom’s (His) path.

Proverbs 9 presents a clear choice to the reader to choose between the two metaphorical “women.” One woman is lady wisdom, the other is lady folly. In just 18 verses the author shows us the breadth of wisdom on display while instructing the listener to discern scoffers and how to deal with them. The theme of Proverbs is repeated in verse 10 and it finishes with illustrating lady folly and her parallel but equally helpful resemblance to wisdom. The reader, in conclusion is encouraged to choose wisely.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro: When was the last time you had to make a decision with 2 (and only 2) options. How did you choose?

Biblically speaking (through a gospel lens):

- How would you define wisdom? How would you define folly?

Read the following two invitations:

- **9:1-6**: Lady Wisdom’s Invitation vs **9:13-18**: Lady Folly’s Invitation

1. How do these two invitations compare and contrast? (How are they similar / different)
2. Put flesh on these...
 - a. How does “lady wisdom” make her appeal to you today, this week, in the decisions and life choices you need to make?
 - b. How does “lady folly” make her appeal to you today, this week, in the decisions and life choices you need to make?

Read 9:7-12

3. How is the reader encouraged to respond to these invitations?
4. What does it mean for you today and this week, to choose “lady wisdom”?
5. Is there an option to “not choose,” to abstain from choosing either lady wisdom or lady folly?
6. How does Proverbs 9 point to and make much of the Gospel?