Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Proverbs 4:20-27

Guard Your Heart

Getting Started

What is one of the best pieces of advice you've been given?

Background

Read Prov. 4. In one or two sentences, what would you say is the overall theme of this chapter?

Digging In

1. **Read vss. 20-22**. Write a one-sentence paraphrase of vss. 20-21.

2. Why was it so important to Solomon that his son pay close attention to his words of wisdom? In other words, how would it benefit his son? (v. 22)

3. Describe a time when you benefitted by applying the wisdom of God's word.

4. **Read v. 23**. Write a paraphrase of this verse.

5. Why do you think Solomon begins this verse with the words *above all else*?

6. How does what Jesus says in **Luke 6:43-45** relate to Prov 4:23?

7. **Read Ps 139:23-24**. What light do these verses shed on guarding our hearts?

8. **Read Prov 4:24-27**. The way we live affects our hearts. It shapes our inner being. What areas of our lives are named in these verses?

9. Give a practical example of avoiding *perverse and corrupt talk*. (v. 24)

10. How can we learn to be **resolute** in pursuing righteousness?

Getting Personal

- In what ways are you putting a priority on pursuing wisdom?

- If you were to get a spiritual EKG, what would it reveal about your heart?

- How is God prompting you to *guard your heart*?

- What specific action steps will you take to guard your heart?