

DISCUSSION QUESTION FOR READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY FOR 3/26/13

1. Review Proverbs 14 and 15. What makes a person righteous? See Romans 10:1-13. Find and discuss several of the descriptions of the righteous in these chapters of Proverbs. How does Solomon describe a righteous person? How does Paul describe the redeemed person? See Galatians 5:1, 11, 22, 23. The joy of our redemption shows itself in how we live. That's just the way Christians are. Thanks God for this kind of joy an life.
2. There are several sad but true statements in this section of Proverbs. Discuss a few of these, such as Proverbs 16:28, 17:28; 18:2; 19:7. The fate of the perverse person, the fool, and those who shun the poor will be same as that of the false witness (Proverbs 19:5). What is the most significant fact about this? See Psalm 14:1 and Isaiah 64:6. Where is our protection from this situation (Proverbs 18:10, Galatians 3:12)? What is the comfort that the coming Savior brings? See LSB347, st. 1 and 2. (attached sheet)
3. A refrain popular on Christian radio a few years ago went like this: "I don't believe in luck, I believe in Jesus." Proverbs 16:33 confirms this idea. Explain why "Chance" and "luck" play no role in the lives of God's people.
4. "He's making a list and checking it twice." These are familiar lyrics for the season around Christmas. This warning is the same as that of Proverbs 20:11. What is the warning? What information do these verses add to this warning: Proverbs 20:9, 27? Unfortunately, we can't improve our lot with the Lord by being good or nice. Now read Proverbs 20:30 and respond by saying, "Christ did this for me!" many of our sins and their consequences are mentioned in the verses of Proverbs 20 and 21. Discuss a few of them. Only through the Lord's Christ and His power can our sin be overcome. Now read the last words of Proverbs 21:31 and thank the Lord for His gift of a Savior.
5. It is good to examine why we do things that are routine or a long time habit. Just because "we've always done it" does not make it bad; we just need to make sure we know "why" we do things so that we can do them well. Christian education is a case in point. Why do you read and study Today's Light Bible passages? Why does church conduct Sunday School or have Bible classes? Why do congregations dedicate so many resources to Lutheran schools or our church to colleges and seminaries? Review some of the reasons for these programs with your group. Then look at Proverbs 22:19. What is the reason for Christian education that Solomon gives here? There are several other Christian education passages in this section of Proverbs. What do these verses have to say about why Christian education is so important? Proverbs 14:26-22:6; Proverbs 23:12, 27, 23. Consult also these passages: Proverbs 16:6; Proverbs 14:26-27; Proverbs 10:10. Conclude your study by praying for all the agencies of Christian

education in your church and the people involved. Inquire if there is some way you might help at one of these agencies of Christian education.