



Small Group Sermon Response Questions – Week of 10/12/14  
Proverbs 6:1-19 – “Save Yourself Some Trouble”  
*(God has designed the “good life” to display His character in tangible, practical ways.)*

- 6:30 to 6:45 — Meet & Greet / Conversation
  - 6:45 to 7:30 — Sermon Response Time
    - 7:30... — Smaller Groups for Accountability and Prayer

1. Give some examples you have seen of people creating more difficulty for themselves in the long run by trying to save effort in the present.
  
2. Admonition #1: Make Wise Commitments (verses 1-5)
  - How is the solution described in these verses different from going back on one’s word?
  
  - What types of situations tempt you to make unwise commitments? Do you have any obligations, financial or otherwise, from which you would be wise to escape? How can this be accomplished promptly and properly?
  
  - Reflect on the sermon’s assertion that failing to recognize God’s Triunity prevents one from appreciating His eternal faithfulness.
  
3. Admonition #2: Work Diligently (verses 6-11)
  - In what parts of your life do you find yourself most resembling Derek Kidner’s statement: “He does not commit himself to a refusal, but deceives himself by the smallness of his surrenders. So, by inches and minutes, his opportunity slips away.”
  
  - In what endeavors that God has put before you do you tend to slip into the excuse that you’ll work hard when the task is nobler? Consider Proverbs 22:29, 1 Corinthians 3:23-24, and Azurdia’s reminder that our salvation happened because “Somebody went to work.”
  
4. Admonition #3: Promote Unity (verses 12-19)
  - Does it make sense to you how the Hebrew poetry puts the emphasis on the seventh thing? That being the case, how are we to understand and use the other six parts of the admonition? How does this admonition relate to question #1?
  
5. What other reflections, questions, or evaluation do you have regarding the sermon? What have you seen of God, yourself, the gospel, and/or the life of faith? What has God been teaching you in your own personal study lately?