

Group/Individual Study

Series - Love Does: Love lives Valiantly

Passages: Proverbs 31

REFLECT on the message heard on Sunday, 5/13

1. Read Proverbs 31. This is the final chapter of the book of Proverbs: an entire book devoted to what it looks like to live with godly wisdom. Many believe that this final chapter is a way to sum up what wise and valiant living looks like - using a female heroine as the one modeling it. What speaks to you most from this chapter?
2. Theologians point out that one of the strongest threads of meaning in the Hebrew word "noble" (here used to describe a "noble woman") is the idea of "valor." They further think it likely no woman (or man!) lives out **all** the types of valor described in this chapter, but rather each is called by God to live into certain valorous traits in the context of the life He's given them. Which type of valor from this passage do you feel God is calling you to most strongly in this season?
3. How does it make you feel to see that God chose a female "heroine" at the end of the book to embody the type of wisdom the previous 30 chapters call us to? Who are godly women who inspire you? What type of valor do you see in them?
4. What might living with valor and wisdom look like for a single mom? A mom with young children? A single woman? A grandmother? Other? (pick and choose which you'd like to speak to)
5. The woman described in this chapter is modeling valor and wisdom, not only for other women, but for men as well. What parts of the wisdom and valor you see in this chapter might help a man you know and care about to live to his full potential before God?
6. Is there a woman or mother you know who needs to hear your voice and affirmation? Needs to hear that you love and respect them? Needs to hear that you think they are living valiantly? Reach out to them this week!