



TALK IT OVER

Our Talk It Over is prepared each week by the teaching pastor and is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each listener. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel.

WALKING IN WISDOM

Week 2

1. Proverbs emphasizes the importance of relational peace. In your daily life, where do you see opportunities to be a peacemaker? How can you take practical steps to foster peace in those situations?
2. Proverbs 15:1 says, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Can you think of a time when a gentle response de-escalated a conflict? How can you apply this principle more consistently?
3. Proverbs 19:11 states, "It is to one's glory to overlook an offense." What are some practical ways we can overlook small offenses without feeling like we're compromising our dignity or values?
4. Several Proverbs warn against gossip and betrayal of confidence. Why do you think gossip is so harmful to relationships? How can we create habits or environments that discourage gossip in our communities?
5. Proverbs 14:29 highlights the importance of patience. How does practicing patience in our relationships reflect wisdom? Can you share an example where patience led to a positive outcome?
6. Proverbs 10:12 teaches, "Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs." What does it mean to "cover over all wrongs" with love? How can this idea be applied in challenging relationships?
7. Proverbs 17:14 compares starting a quarrel to breaching a dam. What steps can you take to "drop the matter" before a dispute escalates? How does this approach lead to greater harmony in relationships?
8. Proverbs 18:13 says, "To answer before listening—that is folly and shame." How can we improve our ability to truly listen before responding in our conversations? How might this habit affect our relationships?
9. Proverbs 17:1 reminds us, "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife." How does this verse challenge our culture's focus on material success? What steps can we take to prioritize peace over possessions?
10. The Proverbs offer ancient wisdom, but how do you think these teachings apply to the challenges we face in today's world (e.g., social media, workplace stress, or family dynamics)? What specific proverb from today's discussion stands out to you as something you can apply this week?

