

Sermon Discussion Questions
Wisdom in Chaos: Week 11
Proverbs 20:22-25

*Here are some questions to discuss as you think about the message from **Proverbs**. Also consider each of the following passages: **2 Timothy 1:7, Ephesians 2:8-10, Matthew 6:5-14; 23:37, Luke 15:11-32, Hebrews 12:1-3, Romans 8, 1 John 4:18.***

1. What are the **boundaries of authority** that God establishes in Proverbs 20:22-25?
 - What are the specific aspects of God’s character that demonstrate his authority to establish those boundaries?
 - Do you experience these boundaries as providing more limitation or more freedom?

2. In what ways have you stepped across these boundaries? How do you know? What has been the result? Think about each of the following:
 - Seeking to “repay evil for evil”
 - Experiencing the hurry and worry of leaning on your own understanding
 - Making rash promises in God’s name without spending real time in prayer

3. What **bonds of attachment love** are present in the same passage? What are some other Old Testament and New Testament examples?

4. Read **Ephesians 2:8-10** and **Hebrews 12:1-3**. How do boundaries of authority and bonds of attachment love fit together?

5. Read **2 Timothy 1:7** and **1 John 4:18**. Think about where you experience fear and anxiety.
 - Where do you “hurry and worry”? How might you be taking responsibility for something that is not yours to own?
 - How does “love” counter fear? How do you experience God’s love? Is it more abstract and impersonal, or more concrete and personal?
 - As you reflect on the song, “Come to the Altar,” what burden do you need to leave? What are you asking Jesus to give you?

6. How have you been personally comforted, convicted, or challenged? Think about the message, your own reflections on God’s Word, the work of the Holy Spirit, other people, and your experiences. What do you need from your small group or a trusted friend to help you process how God might be working in and through you?

Prayer

Father, forgive me for violating your boundaries. I confess that I have taken authority that is not mine to take. I acknowledge that I have hurry and worry in my life as a result. I give that burden of fear and fatigue to you. I receive your love for me. I cling to your promises and I cling to you, Jesus. Holy Spirit, remind me who I am. Remind me that nothing can separate me from your love.