

## **Growing Together Discussion Questions from Sunday's Sermon**

*(For Personal Study, Review, Meditation and Mid-Week Group Discussion)*

*Wisdom on Communication from Proverbs: January 6, 2013*

- I. **Getting to know you** (*Questions for Group Discussion*):
  - a. What's something your parents use to say to you as a child that you now catch yourself saying all the time?
  - b. What does your social networking time budget look like? How much time do you spend daily with email, facebook, blogs, twitter, etc...?
  - c. If you are going to communicate with someone, what is your favorite method – phone, text, letter, email, facebook or face-to-face? Why?
  
- II. **Getting into the Bible / Points from Sunday's Message:**
  - a. Sticks and stones may break bones – and words are powerful too!  
(12:18; 15:1; 15:4; 16:24; 18:21; 24:26; 26:2; 26:28)
  
  - b. Wisdom on Communication #1: Listen! Listen!! Listen!!!  
(1:5; 1:8; 1:33; 5:1; 16:20; 19:20; 23:12; 23:19; 29:18)
  
  - c. Who are we to listen to?
    - i. The wise (22:7)
    - ii. The Lord (2:5; 30:5-6)
  
  - d. How are we to become good listeners?
    - i. By answering the prior question and personally determining who we are to listen to!  
We listen to whom we choose to listen.
      1. Do we value what God has to say?
      2. Are there wise people to whom we chose to listen?
  
    - ii. We need God to listen to God (humility & grace).
      1. Acknowledge and repent of our bent toward pride.
      2. Ask for mercy and grace to be a humble listener. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.
  
    - iii. By faith.
      1. God promises blessing to those who listen. (8:32-25)
      2. God threatens grave dangers to those who refuse to listen.  
(1:24-26; 13:13; 19:27)
  
- III. **Getting into Life:**
  - a. Who are some wise voices that you purposefully pursue and to whom you listen?
  - b. What barriers to listening do you most encounter?
  - c. What will most help you become a good listener moving forward?