

Fellowship Fayetteville Discussion Guide

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A NEW CREATION | Recovering True Beauty

Proverbs 31:10-31

What are some good memories you have of your mother (or another female who was important in your past)? Share with the group some of the fond things that come to mind when you think of her.

Read **Proverbs 31:10-31**.

In what ways do you see yourself approaching beauty from the world's standards and perspectives? How does this affect how you think of beauty, both for yourself internally and then in your spouse (or in a potential spouse if you are not married)?

We see that this list is not an impossible standard of how a godly woman always performs—no one can get up early and stay up at night. Instead, it's a recollection of how a wise woman has lived her life over the long haul. How does knowing this difference change how you read the passage?

What stands out to you about this list? What is surprising or noteworthy?

This proverb details what the wise life looks like in its entirety (starting with a wife, but it can be broadened to anyone who follows the Lord). In **31:30** we see the foundation for it. What does it look like to fear the Lord practically in your life? Remember, wisdom is about practical life “on the ground,” so be practical in your answer.

True wisdom is ultimately only found in Jesus. Read **Matthew 11:28-30**. Consider the invitation of Jesus and respond to it in prayer for yourself, your spouse, and the others in your group.

New Beginnings

The “New Beginnings Community” initiative is designed to be a self-managed Bridge Housing community for people in need of shelter. The Community Initiative is in the construction phase, but we can still partner with this local community organization to make an impact in our neighborhood. You can get involved and see volunteer opportunities through our regional community initiatives, Laundry Love Fayetteville and Art in the Park. Onsite opportunities can be found at newbeginningsnwa.org/volunteer.

PRAY

Pray for our global workers, Chris and Lauren, that God will give clarity to the seven new goers who are considering going. Pray the borders will open for their trip in August.

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