



## **Wisdom for living**

After some time dipping into the first nine chapters of Proverbs, this week we'll dive into the second half of the book where we find most of the 'proverbs' themselves. This week we are focussing on speech, a key theme in the book.

### **Start with prayer and then read Proverbs 10:11-32 (looking out for the things below\*)**

As you listen to/read these verses, what do you notice about:

The power of words?

Damage caused by words?

The positive effects of words?

The relationship between listening and speaking?

How words reveal things about a person?

\*NB as you'll see, not all of these verses are about speech but that is still a consistent theme running through and some of the other verses have related wisdom.

Is there one Proverb in particular you'd like to reflect on and apply?

### **Read Proverbs 12:13-28 and repeat the exercise**

How might we change our attitude to words:

Within our church family?

With those who aren't believers?

In our family relationships?

### **Pray in the passage**