

## **An Open Invitation!**

(Proverbs 9)

### **I. Introduction:**

- A. An overview of the journey
- B. An overview of the chapter
  - Symmetrical
  - Chiastic
  - Review - Conclusion

### **II. Exposition: Proverbs 9**

- A. The **appeal** of Wisdom (9:1-6)
  - 1. The **setting** of her house (vv. 1-3)
    - The place
    - The preparation
    - The proclaimers
  - 2. The **substance** of her proclamation (vv. 4-6)
    - The invited
    - The invitation
    - The instruction
- B. The **acceptance and consequences** (9:7-12)
  - 1. The **scoffers – Close** minded (vv. 7-8a)
    - Indignity
    - Insults
    - Ill will
  - 2. The **sensible – Open** minded (vv. 8b-9)
    - Love
    - Maturity
    - Growth
  - 3. The **subject** (vv. 10-12)
    - The restatement of the theme
    - The rewards of wisdom

- The responsibility of the hearer

- C. The **appeal** of Folly (9:13-18)
  - 1. The **setting** of her house (vv. 13-14)
    - The conduct
    - The character
  - 2. The **substance** of her proclamation (vv. 15-17)
    - The invited
    - The invitation
    - The instruction
  - 3. The sequel for her guests (v. 18)
    - Not a **feast** but a **funeral**

### **III. Conclusion:**

- Chapter 9
- The opening section (chapters 1-9)

### **Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:**

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. What most sticks out to you from the appeal of wisdom?
3. In what way are scoffers close minded? Do you see any of those characteristics in your own life?
4. In what ways are the sensible open minded? Do you see any of those characteristics in your own life?
5. What do you need to most alert to from the appeal of Folly?
6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will..." (What is your action point?)

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