



Sermon Discussion Questions

“Preventing and Putting-Out the Fires of Conflict” (Proverbs 18-19) - November 9, 2025

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Sermon Overview

Main Idea

We have each spoken words that spark and feed relational fires. We contribute to conflict more than we know, and these chapters give us God’s wisdom to prevent and put out fires of relational conflict.

Sermon Outline

1. Why Staying in the Forest Matters (Prov. 18:1)
2. How to Prevent the Sparks (Prov. 18:2, 6–8, 21, 23; 19:5, 13)
3. How to Put Out the Fire (Prov. 18:17, 19; 19:11, 19)
4. How the Gospel Puts Out the Fire (Prov 19:3... and Jesus)

Discussion Questions

Initial Engagement

- What is the main idea of the text, or what did the sermon focus on?
- What insight from the text or sermon stood out to you most, and why?

Deeper Reflection

1. Relational tension and conflict can lead to a desire to isolate from others. What is at the heart of this desire? Are you prone to this? Why doesn’t isolation resolve the problem?
2. From verses in these two chapters, Drew shared seven kinds of words that spark fires of conflict: Overtalking and Talking Over (18:2), Provocation (18:6-7), Gossip (18:8), Harmful Words (8:21), Harshness (18:23), Lying (19:5), and Quarreling (19:13). Which of these types of words or behaviors might be more true of you than you’d like to admit? How can you grow? How can others help you? How can you help others?
3. From the verses above regarding “How to Put Out the Fire” (Point #3), discuss ways in which we can diffuse conflict when it arises.
4. Read James 4:1-2. What is at the root of conflict? How have you personally experienced this?
5. Drew shared, “The cross is the very source of fire-quenching peace.” Read Ephesians 2:14-18. Explain this passage in your own words. How does Jesus through the cross bring peace not only between us and God, but with others? How do we get in on this?
6. Share an example of where you’ve experienced or observed peacemaking and restored relationships through the power of the gospel.

Final Response

- What is one thing you want to remember or one way you hope to change in light of this sermon or discussion?