

# TRAIN 'EM UP.

## MEETING AGENDA

1. OPENING PRAYER – Ask one person to Open the meeting in prayer.
2. DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS – Ask everyone the Development Questions.
3. ATTENDANCE – Take attendance through the SG Attendance System.
4. TODAY'S LESSON – Go over this week's SG lesson.
5. CLOSING PRAYER – Ask for prayer requests and pray.

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## Development Questions

### Question #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?

### Question #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?

### Question #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

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## ***This Week's Passage:***

### **Proverbs 22:1-16 (NIV)**

1 A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. 2 Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all. 3 The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty. 4 Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honor and life. 5 In the paths of the wicked are snares and pitfalls, but those who would preserve their life stay far from them. 6 Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. 7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender. 8 Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity, and the rod they wield in fury will be broken. 9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. 10 Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended. 11 One who loves a pure heart and who speaks with grace will have the king for a friend. 12 The eyes of the LORD keep watch over knowledge, but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful. 13 The sluggard says, "There's a lion outside! I'll be killed in the public square!" 14 The mouth of an adulterous woman is a deep pit; a man who is under the LORD's wrath falls into it. 15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far away. 16 One who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and one who gives gifts to the rich--both come to poverty.

# Connection Question:

According to Proverbs 22:1, why might God value a “good name” more than wealth, and how does that challenge our priorities today?

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## TRUTH #1:

A GOOD NAME AND GODLY CHARACTER ARE MORE VALUABLE THAN WEALTH

## Discussion Points:

1. God values integrity above riches (Proverbs 22:1; Proverbs 10:9).
2. The wise avoid danger through discernment (Proverbs 22:3; Proverbs 14:16).
3. Humility and fear of the Lord lead to true blessing (Proverbs 22:4; James 4:10).

# Growth Question:

What does it practically mean for you to value your character above your wealth?

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## TRUTH #2:

GODLY TRAINING AND SELF-DISCIPLINE PRODUCE LIFELONG FRUIT

## Discussion Points:

1. Training children shapes their lifelong direction (Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:6–7).
2. Human hearts naturally incline toward foolishness (Proverbs 22:15; Psalm 51:5).
3. God calls His people to cultivate responsibility and diligence (Proverbs 13:4).

# Growth Question:

What steps can you take to pursue greater diligence in your daily walk?

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## TRUTH #3:

GOD HONORS GENEROSITY, JUSTICE, AND RIGHTEOUS SPEECH

## Discussion Points:

1. Injustice leads to calamity because God opposes oppression (Proverbs 22:8, 16; Isaiah 10:1–3).
2. Generosity brings blessing to both giver and receiver (Proverbs 22:9; Proverbs 11:24–25).
3. Removing mockers ends conflict and restores peace (Proverbs 22:10; 1 Corinthians 15:33).
4. Pure hearts and gracious speech open doors of influence (Proverbs 22:11; Proverbs 16:24).

# Growth Question:

Where do you see injustice today that God calls His people to confront?

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## GO THEREFORE QUESTION:

Considering all of Proverbs 22:1–16, which area—character, discipline, or generosity is God asking you to grow in right now, and what first step will you take?

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# PRAYER:

## *Question #1*

Who are you praying for to be saved?

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## *Question #2*

Who can you invite to Church and/or to Small Group?

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## *Question #3*

What are your prayer requests?

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*HAVE A GREAT WEEK! WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU!*