



LESSON 4: HATING WHAT GOD HATES

WELCOME

Choose one of the following to answer:

- Share the funniest misunderstanding you've experienced because of miscommunication.
- What's a skill that you're better at than most people?

WORSHIP

As a Life Group, pray for one another and any difficult seasons that your fellow Life Group members might be enduring.

****Below are seven discussion questions/prompts. There's no pressure to cover every question. As a Life Group, feel free to choose the questions/prompts that you want to cover and use the rest for personal reflection and deeper study during the week.*

WORD

1. Read **Proverbs 6:16-19**. What is your initial reaction when you read or hear the phrase "things God hates"? How can you reconcile such biblical language with the truth that God is loving and patient?

2. Following up on the previous question, what does it look like to hate what God hates without becoming self-righteous or judgmental?

3. Which of the seven items listed in **Proverbs 6:16-19 are actions, and which are heart attitudes? Are there any on this list that feel more “socially acceptable” today than others? Why do you think that is?**

4. How are body parts paired with sin in **Proverbs 6:16-19? How does this impact our view of sin?**

5. Read **Micah 6:8** and **1 John 2:15-17**. How do these passages help us further understand Proverbs 6:16-19, and what do they reveal about God's heart and moral priorities?

6. How does Jesus address the seven actions and attitudes in **Matthew 5:3-10** and the rest of the Sermon on the Mount?

7. Which of these seven actions and attitudes might God be inviting you to confess, confront, and/or surrender this week?

WITNESS

How does **Proverbs 6:16-19** challenge the idea that sin is primarily a private matter? What is it about our actions and attitudes that either make it easy or difficult for others to follow Jesus?

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DEEPER STUDY FOR THIS WEEK

***This section is designed to help you continue reflecting on what you discussed in your Life Group. Hopefully, these questions and prompts will inspire you to listen to God, apply Scripture, and take your next step with Jesus. Work through them at your own pace, and invite the Holy Spirit to guide you as you draw closer to Him.

- Review any questions/prompts in the WORD section that your Life Group didn't get to, or ones you'd like to explore more deeply on your own.
- Read Proverbs 6:16–19; Micah 6:8; and 1 John 2:15–17 in one sitting every day this week.
- Memorize one or all of the following: Proverbs 6:16–19; Micah 6:8; and 1 John 2:15–17.
- Literary Devices that God Uses to Communicate
Read Job 5:19; Proverbs 6:16-19; 30:18–23; and Amos 1–2 (passages that also use numerical and/or poetic emphasis) and answer the following questions:
 - o How does this literary device function to emphasize seriousness or completeness?
 - o Why might wisdom literature, such as Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, use memorable structures when addressing moral issues?
 - o How can wisdom literature uniquely help people understand God's perspective on moral issues?
 - o What does this tell us about how God wants His people to remember and internalize wisdom?
 - o What do these passages reveal about God's concern for innocence and justice?
 - o Why is internal sin treated with the same seriousness as visible sin?