

**1) Sin looks like freedom but brings disaster in the end**

(8-19)

**1) New venue for Pathfinders!**

As from today, Pathfinders will be meeting in the Parsonage at 64, Pilgrim's Lane during the service.

**2) Lunar New Year Dinner (Saturday, 17th February, 5:30 to 8:00pm)**

COME for a fun, food-filled, family friendly celebration to see in the year of the dog. INVITE your friends, colleagues and neighbours (invitations available at the back of church) HELP there is lots to do before, during and after. Please email Lydia ([leelydia@hotmail.com](mailto:leelydia@hotmail.com)) if you can help at all.

**3) Life Explored**

Following on from the Carol Services and other Christmas events, we are hoping to run a 'Life Explored' course in the New Year. If you (or a friend) are interested in finding out more, please email Andy Palmer ([andy@sjdh.org](mailto:andy@sjdh.org)) or visit our website at: [www.sjdh.org](http://www.sjdh.org) for more details.

**4) Update from Mission Partners - David & Ruth Lowry in Dakar, Senegal**

Hard copies are available at the back of church. In particular, give thanks with them for: the exciting blessing of an imminent new addition to their family and that all seems well so far with the pregnancy; and for everything that went well during the Jesus Film and Acts recording: especially for the excellent group of musicians who came to the song-writing workshop.

**2) Wisdom looks constraining but brings life to the full**

(20-33)

**For further discussion**

- What is the significance of wisdom being portrayed in this passage both within the home (v8-19) and out in the public square (v20-33)? Which context is more of a challenge for you?
- What is the attraction of joining the "gang" in v10-11? How does what is promised compare to what actually happens?
- Where do we face the same kind of pressure and temptation in our lives as that portrayed in v8-19?
- What kind of calamity is Lady Wisdom warning of in v26-27? In what ways could apparent success in our lives turn out to be calamity?
- Is it loving or unloving to warn of calamity in this way? Why? Do we find that hard or easy when we share the gospel with others?
- Do you struggle to believe that true freedom is found in walking the path of wisdom by following Jesus? Why/why not?
- In what ways do these verses point us to Jesus? Can you think of similar things that Jesus said?