



Sermon Questions

Date: *August 14, 2022* | Scripture: *Proverbs on Protection (see reverse)*

1. Read the passage from the sermon together and reflect on the pastor's message. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. Can you think of other places in the scriptures that speak to the fact that believers are called to protect and care for the hurting and marginalized?
3. In what ways does Christ come to the defense of the vulnerable?
4. Have you had any experience with churches that have done well in caring for those who have experienced abuse? Have you had experiences with churches that have not done this well?
5. Would you know where to turn to in the church and with civil authorities to get help for a victim of abuse?

Inward Grace in Action

6. The PCA Report on Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault provides the following definition for abuse: "a misuse of power which wounds another person physically, emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually." We all have some degree of power or authority. How can use the power you have to protect those around you?
7. How can you live into our Christian calling to protect the vulnerable and abused? Who are people or groups you can specifically pray for?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Leviticus 19:9-18
- Psalm 146:1-10
- Isaiah 53:1-12
- Luke 4:16-21
- Philippians 2:1-11
- James 2:1-13

Serve: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

Pray for those in our church who have survived abuse, that we might be a safe and supportive family for them. [Click Here](#) to see more about our church's Care ministry.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

PROVERBS 12:18; 14:31; 24:11-12; 31:8-9

12: 18 There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

14:31 Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker,
but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

24:11-12 Rescue those who are being taken away to death;
hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.
If you say, "Behold, we did not know this,"
does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?
Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it,
and will he not repay man according to his work?

31:8-9 Open your mouth for the mute,
for the rights of all who are destitute.
Open your mouth, judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and needy.