

# Discussion Questions

## *How to Answer the Wisdom of Fools*

Proverbs 26:4-5

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1. What is one of your favorite stories? Who is the hero of the story and who is the villain? How do these two characters interact with each other?
2. When do you find yourself being drawn into an argument? When does the argument tend to move from friendly to foolish?
3. Consider the phrase “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes” (Pr. 12:15; cf. Pr. 3:7). Do you think it’s fair to describe someone as a *fool* or *delusional* when they pursue their own way rather than God’s? Why or why not?
4. Without getting into specifics, when have you seen arguments become divisive or destructive? How do we discern when to avoid them (cf. 2 Tim. 26:4) and when silence might make things worse?
5. Read Matthew 21:23-22:46. What can the example of Jesus teach about answering a fool? What do you think Jesus was trying to do in these confrontations?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5. How might resolving to preach the gospel, both to ourselves as well as to others, aid in answering and avoiding foolish arguments?