

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of January 10-16
"ROADS LEAD SOMEWHERE"

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Have you ever gone on a road trip? Where did you go and what are your favorite memories of the trip?

GROUP DISCUSSION

THE WAY

1. Have someone read Proverbs 4:10-27 and pay attention to every time it says way or path. How do the small choices we make lead us down a path? How have choices you made in the past led you to where you are now, both positively or negatively?

WORDS

2. Read Proverbs 12:18. When have you experienced reckless words or healing words?
3. Jesus tells us in Luke 6:45 that our mouth speaks from what our heart is full of. What are some ways to fill our hearts with what we need, so our mouth speaks truth and life?
4. Read Proverbs 15:1. How we respond to negative things affect others. What are some positive ways that you have responded to a problematic situation in the past that helped diffuse a potential dispute or conflict?

FRIENDS

5. Read Proverbs 22:24-25. Our friendships can help us on our path or steer us in the wrong direction. How have you seen this in your own life or in someone's life?

TIME

6. Read Proverbs 6:6-8; 30:24-25. What do we learn from that ant in these examples from Proverbs? How are you feeling challenged by the lack of time or different pace of work in this season? How can you learn to look at time as something to take advantage of, as an opportunity to benefit from, or as an opportunity to prepare for the future?

7. Pastor Nic encouraged us to read, write and share. How can your group embrace The Wisdom Challenge together and encourage each other these next 31-days? What is most challenging for you? What one step are you planning on implementing this week?

8. [NEXT STEPS]

Roads lead somewhere.

- I will be aware of my ways and where it leads.
- I will watch my words and find opportunity to encourage someone.
- I will seriously evaluate who my friends are that have negative influence on me.
- I will, by God's grace, strive to be a friend that leads others to Jesus.
- I will not waste my time.

Don't forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for God to grant you wisdom in the coming days as you take on the challenge to read, write and share your reflections from Proverbs.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.