

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of November 24-30, 2024

“DIVINE DIRECTION: MAKING WISE DECISIONS”

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.

Share a place where you have not been to but want to go there for vacation. Why do you like to go there?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Proverbs 3:5-6.

1. Start your session by memorizing Proverbs 3:5-6.
2. In a world driven by fear, how would you define trusting God? We all have areas where it's easier to trust him and areas where it is more difficult. What worries you the most in this stage of your life? Is it easy for you to trust God in this area of worry?
3. In Matthew 4:12-13, Jesus actually went the opposite way when he heard that John the Baptist was arrested. How do you react to this? How is your faith impacted when Jesus does not meet your expectations?
4. Share your thoughts about this quote: “We are called to be a practicing Christian rather than a practical believer.” How is this connected to Proverbs 3:5-6?
5. “Lean not on your own understanding” doesn't mean you turn off your brain and logic. What are some real-life, practical ways that we actually lean on our own understanding? Is this wrong?
6. The word “acknowledge” comes from the Hebrew root word *yada* meaning “to know.” In a very real sense, you can't trust a God you don't know. If to “acknowledge” God is not a simply “give a nod to him,” what then should it be?

7. The promise of this text is that God will make your paths straight. Does this mean that everything will always turn out okay for the Christian? Why does this still have an element of trust and surrender?

NEXT STEPS

Our decisions today determine the stories we tell tomorrow.

- I will trust in the Lord and not in myself.
- I thank the Lord for wisdom but ultimately put my trust in him.
- I will walk with Jesus everyday of my life.
- I will trust in God's way to lead me in the right path.

Don't forget to:

- Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

CLOSING THE SESSION

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

- Pray for each to grow stronger in the faith and in intimate walk with God, that each will grow in sensitivity to God's leading especially in areas of worry and difficulty.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

November 25	Proverbs 3:5-6
November 26	Luke 6:43-45
November 27	Matthew 26:36-46
November 28	Jeremiah 42:1-6, 43:1-4
November 29	1 Timothy 6:6-10
November 30	Psalms 35:1-28
December 1	Isaiah 55:6-11