

YOU CAN DO THIS

TALK IT OVER

You Can Find Your Way

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions toward the end of the document.

Scriptures Used

Psalm 23:1-3 (ESV); Proverbs 27:12 (NIV); 1 Kings 11:1-8 (ESV); Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT);
Psalm 119:105 (ESV); Luke 6:12-13a (ESV)

Questions:

1. We all have a “this” going on. Something with which we can use divine assistance. Share with your group where you need God’s intervention. When you have been surrounded by opinions of those who love you, what have you done—successfully or unsuccessfully— to hear God’s directions and plans for your life? Overall, what aspect of this message gave you the most assistance to start quieting those voices pulling you away from what God wants you to hear?
2. Proverbs 27:12 describes the benefits and potential costs associated with danger for both those who are and are not self-aware. Share when you traveled in the wrong direction. Did your ego play a part in not wanting to take a step in the right direction? Why or why not? Describe any refuge or penalty you encountered.
3. When you have traveled in the wrong direction, have you seen the caution signs? What were they and how did it affect your path? If you did not see them initially, what were the caution signs upon reflection? Have you seen those same caution signs in someone else’s travels? If so, what actions did you take? Discuss the differences in your view of, and reaction to, the caution signs.
4. A theme throughout the message was that the right path requires purposeful action and that it’s easy to wander in the wrong direction. An example found in 1 Kings 11:1-8 about

King Solomon's 700 wives and 300 concubines highlighted his travel on the wrong path. How did he end up with so many women in addition to his first marriage? Why was it so easy for him to travel in the wrong direction? What comparison can you make from his path to today's society? We can understand why this would have felt like an overwhelming, unfixable situation for King Solomon. How could he have begun to take a purposeful action toward the right direction?

5. The speaker said that "the enemy of wisdom is rationalization." If you've ever been caught in a trap of rationalization, talk about the "one step at a time" that led you from wisdom to rationalization. If you knew you would lose friends by making certain decisions, would you be dissuaded from taking certain action? Why or why not? How does change happen? What can you do to overcome this situation?
6. Share with each other what it looks like to follow Proverbs 3:5-6. These verses tell us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take", which represents the ultimate step to finding your way. Practically speaking, what does this look like for you? What have you been able to surrender to benefit your walk with the Lord? To intentionally end up on the path of righteousness, must you surrender your entire life? Why or why not?
7. Your schedule is the key to your values. Does your schedule reflect what is most important to you? Evaluate your schedule honestly and discuss items that waste your time. If you could change or delete one thing on your schedule to start in a new direction, what would that be? What would your schedule look like if you removed the biggest time waster? How would you spend that spare time?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

Small Group Action Steps

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