

Divine Direction Wisdom to Discern

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

After I go through Macedonia, I will come to you—for I will be going through Macedonia. Perhaps I will stay with you for a while, or even spend the winter, so that you can help me on my journey, wherever I go. For I do not want to see you now and make only a passing visit; I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me. 1 Corinthians 16:5-9 NIV

Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. Proverbs 4:7 NLT

Directional Wisdom

1. Walk

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20 NIV

2. Ask

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5 NIV

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." Psalm 32:8 NLT

3. Decide

So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. 2 We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, 3 so that no one would be unsettled by these trials.

1 Thessalonians 3:1-3 NIV

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's your last decision you can remember, big or small? How did you make it?
- Do you ever just ask God for direction? What happens?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Read Psalm 32:8. Do you think like this? What role does God play in your decisions?
- In retrospect, how do you determine if a decision you made was a good one or bad a bad one?

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Read Proverbs 13:20. Where do you need wisdom in your life? How will you find the right people?
- Revisit Psalm 32:8. How can you embrace God as not just an advisor, but as a present and loving guide?
- Think about the next decision you need to make. Answer this question aloud, "Can I see myself doing anything else that would please God more?"

Start praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

God, we're asking You for people to walk with, the confidence to ask You, and the trust to bravely decide. You're such a good Father. Thank You for that. Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What's the decision you need to make? How will you step forward, trusting God to guide you this week?