

## **ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE**

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#### **ICEBREAKER:**

*Take some time to get to know each other with some open sharing:*

- If you could visit any place in the world, where would you go and why?
- What are your pet peeves or interesting things about you that you dislike?
- What is one goal you'd like to accomplish during your lifetime?

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

We've all ended up places we never meant to be. And looking back we saw the warning signs. We just chose to ignore them. But it doesn't have to be that way. By looking back at an old wise saying (Proverbs 27:12), we'll learn to look ahead and avoid the danger that lies in wait for us down the road.

What are the reasons people use to avoid warning signs of danger ahead? Why do they sometimes continue to walk right into the teeth of trouble? How can you tell ahead of time if a particular path will lead you to a destination you desire? What process do you use?

#### **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Read Proverbs 27:12.

How does this verse describe a "prudent" person? What kind of action does he take?

How does this verse describe a "simple" person? How is his destination different from that of the wise man? What makes the difference?

When have you seen someone look ahead and take the steps necessary to avoid impending danger? When have you seen someone walk right into trouble?

2. The prudent act as "if then" is now; as if the future is the present. The simple respond as if tomorrow will never come.

What does it mean to act as if the future is the present?

What is so dangerous about acting as if tomorrow will never come?

3. Read Psalm 73:1-20.

What big mistake did the psalmist say he made?

How are we often tempted to make the same mistake?

What was the cure for his mistake? (vv. 17-20)

4. Taking action when danger appears ahead may require personal sacrifice in the short term in order to steer away from it. What might some of those sacrifices be?

5. In an effort to be wise, you may appear to be foolish and feel a little embarrassed because you're taking steps to avoid trouble ahead.

How can wise choices sometimes appear to be foolish?

#### **WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

Where in your life do you presently see danger ahead?

What will you do this week to avoid impending danger?

#### **THINK ABOUT IT** (Something to memorize or chew on)

*The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it. Proverbs 27:12 (NIV)*