

ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

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ICEBREAKER:

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

- What is your favorite bumper sticker?
- What is your pet peeve in traffic?
- What would you do if you didn't have to work?

INTRODUCTION:

What is the key to making great decisions? Some say it is happiness. Others say that the right *information* is crucial to making decisions. But while happiness and information are important, they are not the most critical factors in guaranteeing you make the right choice. In fact, if you think about it, you know some really smart, happy people who have made really dumb decisions. So what is the key to great decisions?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Read Jeremiah 17:9-10. How does God describe the human heart? How does that affect us? When have you seen a smart person make a dumb decision?

Can you think of a time when you lied to yourself in order to make a bad decision seem more acceptable?

2. Why is it that our problems or wrong paths rarely stem from a lack of information?

3. Often times the promise of happiness points us in one direction while wisdom, truth, and common sense point in another. How strongly does your pursuit of happiness influence your decisions or cloud your judgment? Examples?

4. Analyze three big decisions you've made in the last few months. What motivated each of these choices?

5. Read Proverbs 3:5-6.

6. Why does it make sense to trust God over your own judgment or common sense? How do you trust God with all your heart?

7. What are some of the reasons why you lean on your own understanding to make decisions, rather than trust God with them?

8. Submission precedes direction. What does it mean to submit to God in all your ways? Why is submission more important than talent, information, or insight in making good decisions?

9. When have you submitted a decision to God? How did it turn out?

10. Read 1 Kings 3:7-13. How did Solomon's prayer demonstrate his submission to God? How did God respond to Solomon's request?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

React to this statement: *Choosing the right path begins with submitting to God who knows what's best for you.*

What is a big decision you are facing? How can you trust God with it?

THINK ABOUT IT (Something to memorize or chew on)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 (TNIV)