

## Discussion Guide (August 27, 2023)

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Message: *Make His Plans Your Plans* (series: *Wise Up*)

### PRIMARY PASSAGES

**Psalm 127:1,2:** *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for He grants sleep to those He loves.* (NIV)

**Proverbs 16:3:** *Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.* (NIV)

**Proverbs 16:9:** *In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.* (NIV)

**Psalm 37:5:** *Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.* (CSB)

### MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- **We must embrace a mentality that says**  
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ME  
**is where I need to be!**
- **To align your will and plans with God you must**
  1. **Submit** your life to God
  2. **Saturate** your mind with God's word
  3. **Seek** God's presence in prayer
  4. **Step out** in faith wherever God's Spirit leads

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How much are you driven by making your plans a reality? How do you typically respond when things don't go according to your plans?
2. Read Psalm 127:1-2. Describe in your own words what the Psalmist is saying. In what ways have you seen the truth of these verses play out in your life?
3. Read Proverbs 16:3, 9. In what ways do these verses frustrate you? In what way do they bring you comfort?
4. If we want our plans to succeed, we need to make His plans our plans. Which of the four steps listed in the message highlights above to align your will and plans with God is most difficult for you and why? Which step(s) have you found the most peace and power in doing?
5. Is the way you are seeking to grow spiritually leading you toward greater DEPENDENCE UPON God or greater INDEPENDENCE FROM God?
6. What specific plans for your life do you want God to align with His plans this week?

*Thank You, Father, that your plans and ways are established forever. Thank you for giving us the blessing and peace of your presence and the ability to have our lives be spent doing the things that bring you glory and that have eternal value because they are done with and for you. Jesus, help us to walk in total dependence upon you this week and give us the wisdom, strength and ability to step out in faith wherever your Spirit leads. Amen.*