



GOING DEEPER
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Title: Beginner's Guide to Predicting Your Future; Week 2 ~ Direction vs Intention

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Scripture: Proverbs 7

Nobody gets lost on purpose. But we often find ourselves in places we never intended. If there's a disconnect between what you hope to be true in the future and the direction you're headed now, maybe it's time to take a closer look at your path.

Going Deeper Questions:

1. Share a story about getting lost. Where were you? What happened?
2. If your group were describing, in three simple steps, how to use a navigation app to a new driver, what would they be? *How do those steps translate to the way we make decisions about where we go in life?*
3. **Read Proverbs 7:6–9.** How does the narrator's description of the young man help us predict where he's headed? What was the first mistake he made when he headed out?

Read Proverbs 7:21–23. The narrator compares the young man's fate to that of a trapped animal. Discuss how finding yourself on the wrong path feels similar to being trapped. How can defining your desired destination prevent you from being led into danger?

Read Proverbs 7:24–27. Identify all the directional words in these verses. What is Solomon's specific warning?

4. Are you currently living in the direction of the destination you desire (in any area; *Finances, Occupation, Relationships, Spiritual Life or Morality*)? If not, what do you need to do, to make a U-turn?
5. How can this group help you to put yourself on a path toward that desired destination?

Direction will always trump intention. If you're willing to trade what seems easy and fun *now* for what will be satisfying *later*, you will arrive at your desired destination. After all, the path you choose makes all the difference.

Our directions, not our intentions, determine our destinations.

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Matthew 11:28-20 The Message

Never Stop Praying:

- For those beginning their faith journey with us this January
- For Next Gen Leader Day – Saturday January 18
- For the direction your path is taking to be in alignment with His