



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

**Teacher:** Pastor Scott

**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