

THE ROAD AHEAD:

CHOICES WE ALL FACE ALONG THE PATH OF LIFE

Whether it's a general idea or even a specific plan, we all have thoughts on what we want our futures to look like. You have a part in the plan... and so does God.

WEEK ONE

LOOKS GOOD ON PAPER

OPEN Would you say you're a planner?

On a scale of 1 (never plan) to 10 (always have a plan), where would you rank yourself?

What would the people closest to you say about your planning tendencies?

READ Proverbs 16:9

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

Proverbs 16:9

DISCUSS

- The verse says the Lord establishes our steps. How do you personally discern God's direction in your life?
- Share when you made a detailed plan, but things unfolded differently. How did you navigate trusting in God's will even when your plans changed?

WATCH Part One: Looks Good on Paper

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DISCUSS

- 1. Did anything about the story in the video resonate with you? If so, what?
- 2. What are you hoping or planning for? How do you think you'll respond if it doesn't happen? How do you typically respond when your ideal plan faces reality?
- 3. Are there certain types of plans that cause you to involve God more so than not involving God?
- If so, what types and why?

[REFLECT] Read **Proverbs 16:9** aloud. In this verse, the author is emphasizing that we have a role, and God has a role when it comes to plans:

Our role is to make plans.

God's role is to help direct our steps along the way.

- 4. How often do you ask God for help directing your steps? Given your answer to this question, what is your takeaway?
- Should we ask God for the answer to our next decision or for general wisdom? Both?

- 5. In what ways would you like to involve God more in your plans? What would that look like?
- 6. Have you ever had to surrender a cherished plan to God's leading? What did you learn from that experience?
- 7. Proverbs 16:9 doesn't say God will always give us the outcome we planned. How can we cultivate peace and trust in God's plan, even when the path takes unexpected turns?
- 8. Reflecting on Proverbs 16:9, how can we cultivate gratitude for God's guidance, not just the desired outcomes?

MEMORIZE

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PRAY

- Pray for one another.
- Pray for discernment to understand God's direction in your life.