



**SUMMIT**  
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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

January 26, 2025 | Charting the Course: Week 4

**Memory Verse** Proverbs 12:15 - *The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.*



### CLOSER TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

1. Who was your favorite coach/teacher growing up? Why were they your favorite?
2. Tell about a memorable time you've been on a boat or ship.



### MESSAGE REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

1. Share something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
2. Read **Proverbs 1:1-33** together. What jumps out at you from this passage?
3. Share about a time that you listened to foolish counsel or didn't listen to counsel at all and regretted it.
4. How has wise counsel been a source of encouragement and help in your faith walk?
5. Why is community and wise counsel so helpful for the Christian?
6. Which of the three types of relationships - **Paul** (*mentor*), **Barnabas** (*friend*), or **Timothy** (*student*) - have you struggled most to maintain on your faith journey? Why?
7. Who in your life would qualify as an ideal coach for your soul? Why?
8. What is the difference between *hearing* and *heeding*? Give an example.
9. Why is teachability such an underrated virtue for the Christian?



## GOING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

READ 1 Kings 12:6-19 together.

1. What is something from this passage that stands out to you?
2. What was wise about the advice given by the elders?
3. What was foolish about the advice given by the young men?
4. What was the end result for Israel and King Rehoboam?

Read **1 Corinthians 15:33**, **Psalms 1:1**, **Proverbs 27:17**, and **1 Corinthians 5:11** together.

5. What do these verses teach about the types of people you want and don't want to surround yourself with?
6. How have you seen the principle of "the company you keep" play out in a good way or a bad way your life?
7. What is one piece of advice you would give to yourself as a new Christian?



## LIVING IT OUT \_\_\_\_\_

1. Identify who your Paul, Barnabas, and Timothy are in your life. If you are missing one, two or all three of these people in your life, pray and ask God to lead you to them.
2. Thank God for the wisdom he provides through other mature believers in the church (body of Christ).



## LIFT EACH OTHER UP \_\_\_\_\_

*Take time to pray for each other.*