



SUMMIT
— C H U R C H —
DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

January 5, 2025 | Charting the Course: Week 1

Memory Verse *Proverbs 3:5-6* Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.



CLOSER TOGETHER _____

1. Share one decision you made in the last 24 hours.
2. Did you make a resolution for 2025? If so, what was it? If not, what would be your resolution if you did make one?



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

1. Share something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
2. Why do some decisions cause such strong emotions?
3. Are you someone who prefers more choices or less choices? Why?
4. What has been a big decision you remember making in your life? How did you decide what to decision to make?
5. Read **Ephesians 5:15-17** together. Why does Paul equate wisdom with discerning the will of God?
6. Read **Romans 12:2** together. Have you experienced this biblical truth in your life? If so, share an example.
7. To discern God's will, you must wrestle with these three parts of his will – his providence, his plan, and his path. Discuss each of these elements of God's will and how understanding them better will help you be more confident in making decisions.



GOING DEEPER _____

READ **Proverbs 16:1-33** together.

1. What is something from this passage that stands out to you?
2. How do motives affect decision making?
3. Should you ever trust your *heart, gut* or *feelings* when it comes to decision making? Why or why not? (**see vv 2-3, 25**)
4. Share one thing these verses teach you about the benefit of wise, godly living.
5. What does it mean in **verse 9** that the Lord establishes your steps?
6. According to **verse 16**, what should be the driving force behind your pursuits? How does pursuing these things change the way you make decisions?
7. Why is trusting God's providence (**vv 20, 33**) the best first step in making a good decision?



LIVING IT OUT _____

1. Plan ahead for your next big decision. Commit to pray about it (**trust God's providence**), look at what God's word says/seek godly counsel (**follow His plan**), and walk confidently where the Holy Spirit leads you (**find the ideal path**).
2. Meditate on **Proverbs 3:5-6** this week.



LIFT EACH OTHER UP _____

Take time to pray for each other.