

RADICAL TRUST IN A FAITHFUL GOD

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Proverbs 3:6b ...and He will show you which path to take.

1. God sees what we _____.

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We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps. Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)

2. Connection leads to _____.

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Questions to ask when discerning God's path:

- Does this path, align with Gods word?*
- Is there peace in this path?*
- Will this path bring growth?*

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3. Direction requires _____.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

Think about a time when your plans didn't go the way you expected, but looking back, you can now see God's hand in it. How did that redirection change things for you?

ENGAGE

What part of this weekend's message challenged or encouraged you the most?

GROW

•How do you personally recognize when God is leading or speaking to you? What helps you know it's truly His voice and not just your own thoughts?

•Read Acts 16:6-10 together. Put yourself in Paul's shoes....

•What reaction would you have to the redirection?

•Would you have been tempted to wait for more instruction before moving?

•When God closes a door or changes your plans, what's your natural reaction? What would it look like to respond with surrender instead of frustration?

•What are some common reasons we hesitate to move when God gives direction? What helps you take that step of obedience, even when it doesn't make sense?

•Why do you think God often reveals His direction one step at a time instead of showing us the whole plan? How does that test or strengthen your trust in Him?

LEAD (YOURSELF)

What is one area in your life right now where you sense God might be giving direction, or redirection, but you've hesitated to move? What would it look like to take the "next right step" this week?