# 2/19/17 | WISE UP: Getting Direction

"Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future."

-Proverbs 19:20 | ESV

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Have you ever been lost? Did you have to ask for directions? How did you find your way again?
- 2. What are some examples of the difference between seeking advice and accepting correction?
- 3. Consider the quote on the right. Thoughts?

"In our own case we accept excuses too easily; in other people's we do not accept them easily enough."

—C.S. Lewis

4. We often judge ourselves based on our own intentions but judge others based on their path. What is the difference and why does this matter?

#### **Recognizing Our Way**

- 5. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-13. What strategy did Nathan use to show David his guilt? How is this so powerful?
- 6. How do you want God to judge others? Is that different from how you want Him to judge you?

#### Seeking Advice

7.	Read 1 Kings 12:1-19. Where did Rehoboam seek advice? What did he decide?
8.	What is the danger in continuing to seek advice from people until you find someone who agrees with you?

## **Accepting Correction**

- 9. Read Numbers 22:21-35. Who was trying to correct Balaam? Balaam thought he knew more than she did. What did she gain by correcting him?
- 10. What makes it hard to accept advice from some people? How can you discern whom to listen to in your life?

### **TAKE AWAY:**

Whose advice do you need to seek? Whose correction do you need to accept?