

**Morning Star Church**  
**Small Group Study Guide**  
***Directionally Challenged # 4: A Little Help From My Friends***  
**January 23-24, 2010**

**Message Synopsis:** Pastor Keith continued our series on *Directionally Challenged* by suggesting that we drop our *know-it-all, self-made person* philosophy or our *herd mentality* and begin truly seeking out the wisdom of some friends, or a good GPS for direction in our lives. Whether we like to admit it or not, there have been times in our life when we could have really benefited from the counsel of some people who knew about the issue we might have been facing. Looking back in the rear view mirror, we probably wished we had asked, right? Keith encouraged us to be selective and seek out people who know what we don't know.

*Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life.*  
Proverbs 19:20, NLT

**Additional passages to consider:** Proverbs 12:15; Proverbs 29:25; Proverbs 11:14; Proverbs 15:22; 1 Kings 12:1-20; Proverbs 16:18

**Questions to consider in your small group:**

1. Have you ever known someone who thought of himself or herself as an individualist who honestly thought *I am my own person, I make my own decisions*? So do they make their own decisions? Do their decisions affect others?
2. Pastor Keith talked about how we develop a *herd mentality* where we assume that because *everyone* is doing something it must be all right. Describe how you have seen this belief destroy lives. How do we protect ourselves from falling into a herd mentality?
3. Andy Stanley says, *successful people know what they don't know and they are quick to go to people who do know*. In what key area(s) of life do you lack knowledge you need to succeed? Who do you know has this knowledge through experience and success? What keeps you from asking this person about their life experiences?
4. What actions did Rehoboam do in 1 Kings 12:1-20 that were wise actions? What was the foolish decision he made? Why did he make this decision? What were the consequences? What excuses have you heard people use to describe their pride?

**Prayer requests:**

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*“Listen to advice and accept instruction,  
and in the end you will be wise.”*

(Proverbs 19:20)

**PULL OVER!** - How did you get here?

*(Place a check mark next to the “map” that best describes you.)*

\_\_\_ Intentionally picked out your “map”

\_\_\_ Inherited your “map”

\_\_\_ I’m just moving with the “herd”

**Be Selective:**

“Successful people know what they don’t know  
and they are quick to go to people who do know.”

(Andy Stanley)

In what key area(s) of life do you lack the knowledge you need to succeed?

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Who do you know who has this knowledge?

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**For further study:** *(This week we will look at the help Timothy - a young pastor – received from Paul – an experienced Christian mentor)*

**1/25** 1 Timothy 1:3-20; **1/26** 1 Timothy 2:1-15; **1/27** 1 Timothy 4:1-15;  
**1/28** 2 Timothy 1:8-18; **1/29** 2 Timothy 2:1-13; **1/30** 2 Timothy 2:14-26;  
**1/31** 2 Timothy 3:10-17;