



The Path Principle

WARM UP

If you had last year to do over again, what would you change? What would you keep?

SET IT UP

Is it possible to know where your life will end up? Maybe, maybe not. But here's what we do know: some paths definitely don't lead where we want to go. In Proverbs 7, a wise man sees a young man outside his window walking a path that will lead to adultery and destruction. Using this situation as a teachable moment, he tells his son, "Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths" (7:25).

CHAT IT UP

- 1. On a scale of 1 to 10 how would you rate the start of the new year? (If 10 is "I'm crushing it!" and 1 is "What? It's 2018?!")**
- 2. What is one thing you want to accomplish this year?**
- 3. Dan said we substitute dreaming, talking, and feeling for doing. Which one do you struggle with the most?**
- 4. Read Proverbs 7:24-27. Summarize the father's advice to his son.**
- 5. Have you ever watched someone you love head down the wrong path? What did you do? What happened?**
- 6. Were you ever the one to head down the wrong path? Did something bring you back? If so, what?**
- 7. God is always growing us. What change do you need to make in your life this new year?**
- 8. If you are going to move from "here" to "there" this year, what is your next step?**

WRAP IT UP

The direction you walk determines where you wind up. Does the path you're on lead to the place you want to go? Who can you ask for direction this week?

LEADER TIPS

- If your group is interested in reading the Bible more this year—consider doing a Bible reading plan together. Check out the free Bible App for an easy way to follow a plan together.