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The Way of Wisdom: Living in God's World

Passages: Proverbs 4:18-19; Psalm 1 Rev. Bruce Persons – Sept. 14, 2025

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II. Darkness Brings Stumbling (Prov. 4:19).

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 3. How do Psalm 1's images of a tree and chaff challenge your current life choices?
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Personal Reflection Questions:

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- 3. How can I let Jesus' light shine in my relationships, school, work, or home?
- 4. Am I rooted like a tree in God's Word, or am I being blown around like chaff?

Family Activity:

- Go outside at sunrise or sunset. Talk about how light grows stronger and connect it to following God's wisdom.
- Place a flashlight in a dark room—discuss how Jesus is our light.

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