



PART 1: CONNECTING THE DOTS

When we look back, we realize that today's decisions become tomorrow's realities. In fact, wisdom is really insights informed by the knowledge that life is connected.

Our greatest regrets are often preceded by a series of unwise decisions. Wisdom creates a buffer and highlights the danger zone, which allows us to avoid disaster.

CONNECT

What is the wisest advice you have ever received?

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. You can watch the full message sometime this week as a reminder of what was talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. We assume knowing is enough for us to do the right thing, but there is frequently a disconnect between knowing what we should do and actually doing it. Why do you think that is the case?
2. In the video, Andy said, "A foolish person is someone who trades what they want most for what they crave in the moment." Where have you seen this play out in your own life?
3. What is something you know you need to do (or not do) but you just aren't doing it? What steps can you take to make a change?





BEFORE NEXT TIME

God came to show us what to do, not just to inform us of things we should know. Applied wisdom requires doing something with what we know.

Spend some time this week reflecting on the reality that what God tells us to do is beneficial, not detrimental to us. God is *for* us. Ask God to show you one area where you can put into practice something you *know* he wants you to do.

PRAY

Pair up with someone in the group, and take time to pray together for courage to start or stop what you shared in answer to question 3.

