

Road Trip



Discussion Guide “More than Just Directions” Pastor Daniel Floyd

Starter Have you ever blindly trusted your GPS and regretted it? Maybe it took you down a dirt road or somehow added forty-five minutes to your trip. Tell a story about the worst directions you’ve ever followed or the funniest place you’ve accidentally ended up because you trusted the wrong guide.

Sermon Summary

In a world full of decisions, it’s easy to ask God for directions while missing His invitation to something deeper. Discover how the Holy Spirit guides us into truth, helps us discern what’s best, and leads us into a closer relationship with Jesus—not just as a source of guidance but as our daily Guide.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God’s teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

C (Contemplate): Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

T (Transfer/Teach): If it’s something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God’s character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[John 16:12–15](#)

[John 1:14](#)

[John 2:23–25](#)

[John 5:19](#)

[Matthew 6:10](#)

[John 14:26](#)

[John 17:17](#)

[2 Corinthians 3:18](#)

[Jeremiah 29:11](#)

[John 14:6](#)

[Hebrews 4:12](#)

[James 4:8](#)

[John 16:7](#)

[John 1:1](#)

[2 Timothy 3:16](#)

[John 14:15](#)

[Romans 8:29](#)

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There’s no need to discuss every question.

1. When you face an important decision, are you more likely to ask God for an immediate answer or seek a deeper relationship with Him? Why?

2. What stood out to you most from Jesus' promise that the Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth?
3. Can you share a time when you sensed the Holy Spirit leading you or giving you discernment in a situation? What did you learn from that experience?
4. How does regularly spending time in God's Word help you recognize the voice of the Holy Spirit?
5. What is one area of your life where you need God's guidance right now, and how might staying close to Him change the way you approach it?

Go Deeper

1. Study [Proverbs 3:5–6](#) (trusting God's guidance). What area of your life is most tempting to navigate with your own understanding instead of trusting God's direction?
2. Study [Acts 8:26–40](#) (Philip and the Ethiopian official). How can you become more attentive and responsive to the Holy Spirit's promptings in your daily life?
3. Study [Exodus 13:21–22](#) (the pillar of cloud and fire). Why do you think God often reveals the next step instead of the entire plan?
4. Study [John 10:1–16, 27–30](#) (the Good Shepherd). What practical habits help you recognize God's voice amid the many competing voices in your life?

Apply

1. Commit to spending at least ten minutes each morning reading Scripture and asking the Holy Spirit to guide you into truth before you begin your day.
2. Identify a current decision or challenge in your life and spend time praying about it each day this week—not just asking God for an answer but seeking His presence and perspective.
3. When the Holy Spirit brings conviction, encouragement, or a specific action to mind, act on it within twenty-four hours. Obedience strengthens our ability to recognize and follow His voice.

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask God to help you seek His presence daily and develop a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit, your Guide.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize His voice, discern truth from deception, and make decisions that honor God.
3. Pray for a desire to spend time in Scripture and allow His truth to shape your thoughts, attitudes, and actions.

Leadership Tip

God doesn't simply give guidance; He gives us the Holy Spirit as our Guide. As a small group leader, resist the temptation to have all the answers. Instead, help people to discover God's truth for themselves through Scripture, prayer, and discussion. Ask thoughtful questions, listen well, and encourage group members to seek the Holy Spirit's direction in their own lives. Great leaders don't just point people toward the next step; they help people grow closer to the One who leads every step.