

Sermon Study | Rumble Strip Course Correction | Proverbs 4 August 4, 2019

Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.

There are three things we need to know about rumble strips: They wake you up, alerting you to danger; they are still inside the safety zone; and they assist you to your destination. The road isn't the only place we need a rumble strip. We need them in our daily lives, to help us arrive safely at our destination. We can avoid some of our greatest regrets if we pay attention to the rumble strips God gave us.

Read Proverbs 4:10-13, Proverbs 4:20-27, and Jeremiah 17:9. Throughout scripture, God provides His people with laws—rumble strips—not to be legalistic, but because He is our heavenly Father looking out for the best interests of His kids.

- We all need rumble strips, whether they are financial, physical, relational, moral, spiritual rumble strips or more. Are you paying attention to the rumble strips in your life? Why or why not?
- In what way has listening to God's rumble strips helped you avoid a ditch?
- How can the rumble strips in your life help you get from where you are now to where you want to be?

Read Jeremiah 6:16 and Romans 12:2. The purpose of God's rumble strips isn't just to help us avoid disaster, but also to guide us safely to a desired destination. When we travel somewhere new, we do not arrive there by accident; we follow directions. In the same way, the principles God gives help us navigate safely along the path toward where we ultimately want to be.

- Direction determines your destination. When it comes to your marriage, dating, friendships, generosity, spiritual growth or something else, are you headed in the direction of your destination, or are you headed the wrong way with good intentions?
- Decisions determine your direction. Do the small, daily choices you make, the things you do when no one is looking, line up with the direction you want to go? What would you need to change to get back on course?
- What you download determines your decisions. Your thought life is the most private thing about you, yet this is where the battle is won or lost. How's your thought life?
- What areas of your life need a course correction? How will you respond to God's loving conviction?

REFLECT

What is God saying to you through His word? How and when will you respond?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week.

Day One: Proverbs 4:10-13 and Jeremiah 6:16 | Drifting from your lane.

Day Two: Jeremiah 17:9 | Regret.

Day Three: Proverbs 4:20-27 | A safe path.

Day Four: Romans 12:2 | The gift of a rumble strip.

Day Five: Proverbs 4:10-13 and 20-27 | Arriving where you want to be.