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I PITY THE FOOL  
Discussion Guide

### BIG IDEA

There's a little fool in all of us. Fools do what's right in their own eyes and depend on their own wisdom. Stu Hodges, Lead Pastor of Waters Edge Church, reminds us that we don't have to act like a fool anymore. When we invite God in and acknowledge Him in every area of our lives, He clears the path. The understanding of the Creator of the universe is available to us when we choose to depend on Him.

### SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Proverbs 12:15a
- Proverbs 10:23a
- Proverbs 18:2
- Proverbs 3:7a
- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Isaiah 40:28

### TALK IT OVER

- When assembling a project, do you prefer to follow the directions or just figure things out on your own?
- What are some foolish things people do? Why do we do these things even when we know it is not right?
- How does being "wise in your own eyes" result in foolish decisions? Why are we foolish to depend on our own wisdom?
- How does depending on God's wisdom give us direction for our life? What keeps us from depending on God?

### APPLICATION IDEAS

- Make a list of all the areas of your life and commit to praying, "God, I depend on You in all my ways" over each of these areas this week. Keep a journal or make note of what happens.

### PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- God, give us the wisdom to depend on You in all our ways, give us direction, and clear the path before us. We'll follow you wherever you lead. In Jesus' name, amen.

## LEADER TIPS

- Pastor Stu talks about a tubing trip that went a little sideways. Share about a time when you thought it would be fun to do the wrong thing. How did that work out for you? What were you thinking? What was your first mistake?