

Dumb Idea 7: Let your conscience be your guide!

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How do we navigate the deep weeds of our life's journey? What is our guide? Does it lead to a slippery slope? To whose voice do we listen? Do we hear the static of sin calling out at us or do we hear the blood poured out in the grace and mercy of the Christ Our Savior? Can I through my own reason and strength come to know and do what is good, right and salutary? If it feels *right*, then it must be *right, right?*

1. Brainstorm *things* that need a guide.

2. Read **1st Corinthians 4:4** and discuss.

3. What is meant by the Slippery Slope?

4. Listen to the song by Casting Crowns, It's a Slow Fade.

5. In the book, Osborne describes the conscience using analogies. Describe how Osborne makes his case for how the conscience...
 - a. Is like a *thermostat* (Bottom p 108)

 - b. Is like a *seesaw* (p110)

 - c. Has *blind spots* (Bottom p 112)

 - d. Is like *bad software* (p114)

 - e. Leads to a *callused heart* (p115)

6. What happens, **when above all else**, people trust their own conscience?

7. What happens to the person with the misinformed conscience that has lost awareness that is no longer working properly?

8. Read **Romans 7:14-25** and **2nd Timothy 3:16, 17** and discuss.

9. Read **Ephesians 6:10 -18** and **Romans 12:1, 2** and discuss.

10. Listen to the song by Hillsong, From the Inside Out [Everlasting].