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Title: Dead End

Theme: Without Jesus, life is a dead-end street.

Object: “Dead End” street sign. Waze GPS app on phone.

Text: Proverbs 14:12 (NIV) There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

Have you ever gone in a car to a place you have never been before?

The first time you go to a new place, you don’t know exactly how to get there.

So most people today have a GPS.

Have you ever heard of a GPS? It stands for global positioning system.

Most cars now days have a built-in GPS, but if your car doesn’t have one, you can download a GPS app for your smart phone.

[Show Waze app and explain how it works.]

If you use your GPS, it is very easy to find your way to your destination.

Now back in the old days, we didn’t have GPS: none of the cars had them and nobody had a smart phone.

So if you wanted to go someplace you had never been before, you had to get directions from somebody who knew how to get there.

And sometimes the directions were not very clear, so people got lost all the time.

When you get lost without a GPS or a map, you start driving around looking for the street you’re supposed to be on.

And if you really get lost, you had to stop and ask for directions at a gas station.

When you drove around looking for the right street, sometimes you would see a sign that looked like this. [Hold up Dead End sign.]

So if you see this sign at the beginning of a street, that means it is a dead end street.

Who can tell me what a dead-end street is? [Explain a dead-end street.]

So if you are trying to get to your destination, you never want to go down a dead end street.

As Christians, we have a destination: we’re driving to the kingdom of God where we want to live forever with Jesus.

And we have no excuse for getting lost on our journey because we have God’s GPS, the Bible, to tell us how to get there.

And what the Bible says is that you can’t get to the kingdom of God without having Jesus as your Savior, your Lord, and your Friend.

 Life without Jesus is a dead-end street.

The verse we read this morning is a sad verse because it says that many people think they’re on the right road but they’re really on a dead-end street.

They don’t care about the Bible, they don’t read it, they don’t follow it, they don’t care about Jesus, they don’t love Him or trust Him, and they never ask Him to forgive their sins.

And the Bible says they’re on a dead-end street that leads to death.

They end up with eternal death rather than eternal life.

 Don’t let that happen to you!

How many want to follow God’s GPS and make it all the way to the kingdom of God?

Let’s ask Jesus into our hearts and follow Him all the way.