**Dare to Lead – part 8 “The Wicked and the Wise”**

**Daniel 12**

**HOOK**

**1. What do you think about people who look at the end of a book before reading the whole book?**

**2. What did you think when you heard about the worst mass shooting in the history of the United States?**

**3. What was your best day this past week? Why?**

**BOOK/LOOK**

**4. Read Daniel 15:32. “the people who know their God will firmly resist him.” Who set up the abomination of desolation in the Jewish temple in 167 BC?** (Antiochus Epiphaneserected a Roman idol in the Jewish Temple and sacrificed pig meat on the altar.)

**5. In Matt. 24:15, how does Jesus apply the concept of ‘the abomination that causes desolation’ to another event?** (Jesus said this to warn his followers. In 70 AD, the Romans came to Jerusalem. They destroyed the Temple built by Herod. But Jesus’ followers had been warned and the moved to a city called Pella.)

**6. Read Daniel 11:35. What positive purpose can be achieved in the life of the righteous through evil?** (Refining, purifying)

**7. Read Psalm 94:16 and Matthew 24:12: How does Jesus want us to respond to wickedness?** (Resist it and keep loving others in spite of it).

**8. Read Daniel 11:33, 12:3 and Prov. 11:30. What do the wise do? (**Lead many to righteousness, win souls and teach others)

**9. Read the last verse in the book of Daniel (12:13). How does this verse encourage you in your Christian walk?** (Don’t give up – there will be a reward for being faithful to God. We need a long obedience in the same direction.)

**TOOK**

**10. How could our group use the summer to reach others for Christ?**

**11. Which takes more effort: to be wicked or wise?** (If you want to be wicked, you don’t have to put much effort into it. Just do what comes naturally. All of us are born with a sinful, wicked bent. It’s easy to be wicked – to lie, cheat, steal and hate. You don’t have to do anything exceptional to be wicked.)

**12. What’s your motivation to be wise?**