

## News Story Summary

A bad decision on a video conference call cost a man his job. In Vallejo County, California, planning Commissioner Chris Platzer was on a Zoom call with other commissioners when he introduced his cat to his colleagues on camera and then tossed his cat out of the camera's view. The cat could be heard off-screen landing with a thump. Platzer also appeared to be drinking an alcoholic beverage during the meeting and can be heard using profanity. Within days, Platzer issued an apology and resigned from his position amid outcries from his coworkers and the public.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term "California Commissioner resigns after Zoom conference".)

## Focus Attention

To replace the Focus Attention idea, invite the group to answer this question as they each arrive: *What's a decision you've made that you later regretted?* After most have arrived, share the story about the resignation of the planning Commissioner. Compare his story to the stories shared by the group, emphasizing the making of wise choices and that we all need help making wise decisions. Then say: *Today we begin a unit of study on the Book of Proverbs. As we will discover together, one of the major themes of the book is wisdom. In the weeks ahead, ask God to use this study to help you make wise decisions.*

## Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Discuss idea under Summarize and Challenge, retell the story of Chris Platzer and highlight the role coworkers had in the story. Then say: *The man's coworkers and colleagues held him accountable for his behavior. Ask: Who are some people who can hold you accountable for making wise decisions?* Then complete the step as written, leading the group to discuss the second question set under In My Context (PSG) or Apply the Text (DDG).