



News Story Summary

In early May, a man followed his GPS directions drove straight into the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal (C&O canal) in Northwest Washington, D.C. The fire department and EMS searched around the partially submerged car, but they didn't find him. He was later found walking along a parkway. He was treated for exposure and hypothermia. Police indicated that this was not an isolated incident. Apparently, the GPS confuses two major streets in the area, causing the mix-up in directions.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “man using GPS drives into C&O Canal”.)

Focus Attention

To enhance the Focus Attention ideas, begin with the Welcome idea. After most have shared their shared about times they became lost on a trip, tell the story of the man in Washington, D.C. who followed the GPS directions into the C&O canal in the northwest part of the city. Ask: *How do we know when we are getting accurate or inaccurate directions? How do we decide what we can trust?* Complete the step using the Transition statement under Focus Attention.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Summarize and Challenge ideas, begin by recalling the story of the man who drove his car into the C&O canal. Reiterate the importance of following the directions of a reliable and trustworthy source. Point to the Scriptures as the only reliable source for directions in life. Using the Discuss idea under Summarize and Challenge, guide the group to discuss ways of helping each other live with integrity. Complete the step as written.