



DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: Decision making and hearing from Jesus

GETTING STARTED

What is one thing you are thankful for this week and what is one thing we can pray for you this week?

Remind each other of our simple expectations for meeting together

What is the best decision you ever made? What was the worst decision you ever made?

QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?

What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

What do you wish Dave expanded more on, or feel he left out?

What are typical ways that you have made decisions in your life? (e.g. a pro/con list, “feels right”, logic, ask friends etc.).

Dave proposed asking ourselves three questions in order to hear Jesus in the decisions that we are making...

- Am I being ruthlessly honest with myself before God in this decision?

- Am I paying attention to what is bothering me in this decision?

- Will this decision be consistent with the person I want to be 10 years from now?

1. Of these questions, which do you: tend to ignore most, need to utilize more of in your decision-making?

2. In what way do we easily fool ourselves, sell ourselves, lie to ourselves when it comes to making decisions?

READ TOGETHER THE FOLLOWING PROVERBS (15:22; 27:5-6; 12:26; 13:20; 28:26)

3. What does God prescribe that we should do in order to make better decisions?

4. How can we become more wise, godly advisors to others in their decision making?

READ TOGETHER 1 Samuel 24:1-15

5. Why did David not kill Saul when he fell into his lap?

6. What does this story teach us about making decisions?

7. Have you ever had a circumstance, where a decision seemed simple, to make sense to you, but your conscience began bothering you? What happened? In what way does the Spirit speak to us in our conscience? How can we become better listeners to our God-given conscience?

8. How can you and I begin to pay closer attention to what is bothering you in a decision, or to ask if there is a tension that deserves your attention?

9. How can asking the question...will this decision be consistent with the person I want to be 10 years from now give more clarity as to what God’s will is for us in the decisions that we make?

How can we pray for each other, support each other in the decisions we are facing this week, this year?