

Transition:

The absolute “Worst decision” of all time was made by Adam and Eve when they ate of the forbidden tree, as it brought sin into the world. The absolute “Best decision” ever made was by Jesus Christ who chose to lay down His life for the sins of the world. One decision was made in “disobedience” and had the worst consequence—death. The other was made in “obedience” and gave us the best consequence—eternal life. One decision was selfish and the other was unselfish. One was based on truth, the other based on lies. (Rom 5:18) Note both decisions started and ended in response to something God asked them to do. So, it’s safe to say that there are decisions we make every day that have both good and bad consequences, that are selfish and unselfish and that are obedient or disobedient to God. What do you use to help make your decisions? The ultimate source and authority we should be using as God’s Children to make the best decisions for our life is The Bible!

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don’t stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. How’s the Bible good for making decisions? (Rom 15:4-7, Mat 4:4, Psalm 119:105)
2. Should your decisions bring glory to God? (Col 3:17, 1 Cor 10:31)

Fundamental:

The Bible – If you want to make good decisions in life, then you have to apply the Word of God. The world has many paths that will lead you to destruction, but in the Bible there are a multitude of counselors from the prophets to the disciples to Jesus himself that can lead you down the right path and help you make the best decisions based on their own scriptural accounts and experiences. The Bible says the Word was there from the beginning. That’s a long time and a lot of wisdom, so guess what? When you make decisions based on scripture, you include Jesus in your decisions because Jesus is the Word (John 1:14) and He will direct your steps. (Prov 16:9)

1. What do I need to do to get God’s help in making decisions? (Jam 1:5-8)
2. Should I include God in some or all of my decisions? (Prov 3:6)

Homework/Challenge:

Before making any tough decisions, share it with a friend in Christ to have them pray on it for you, and read scripture to see what God’s telling you. Share your Testimony!

Discipleship Tip:

Read scripture and pray with someone who needs help making a tough decision.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, help us remember to consult your word before we make any decision in our lives because your plans for our lives are perfect. In Jesus heavenly name, Amen