

What About Following Jesus? | Week 3

Introduction

This past weekend, we tackled some tough Bible questions in our series *Asking for a Friend*, exploring the truths of Scripture in real-time. Let's dive deeper into those conversations and reflect on what we learned, how it applies to our lives, and how we can support one another as we seek understanding together.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

1. What are some of your daily or weekly routines? How do these routines help you?
2. Do you have a favorite verse of Scripture or favorite worship song? What is it, and why is it so meaningful to you?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, challenged, or impacted you from this weekend's message?

[Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. What decision could you use some wisdom to help make?
2. In the video, Chad talked about using Word and Wisdom when making tough decisions.
 - a. What are some ways you search for a verse to help you make decisions? Do you have any specific examples to share?
 - b. Try the suggestion below.
 - Go to BibleGateway.com or gotquestions.org and search for the topic, phrase, or verse you want to know more about. Here are some ideas to get you started:
 - What does the Bible say about resolving conflict?
 - What does the Bible say about gambling?
 - What does the Bible mean when it says "Do not judge?"
 - What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?
 - What are some Bible verses about patience/compassion/joy/humor?
 - c. Who do you go to when you need to seek godly guidance? Please share an example of how that helped you make a decision in the past.
3. Read [Ephesians 6:15-17](#)
 - a. How do these verses apply to the topic of making wise choices?

- b. Chad referenced a friend who taught on this topic and asked the following:
“Based on my past experiences, current realities, and my future hopes and dreams, what is the wise thing for me to do in this situation?”
 - How do you think combining Bible verses with this question could help you in your decision-making?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Spend some time praying for the decisions you need to make that you shared. Ask God for guidance, direction, and wisdom as you examine these issues. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you by simply asking for His presence as we often practice in service, “Come, Holy Spirit,” then pause before praying.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- This is the last week we will provide group notes until we launch our group season the week of January 13, 2025. Please feel free to meet for fun and fellowship during the holiday season. Consider serving together or sitting together during one of our Christmas services.
- Christmas is coming! If you do not have a regular place you serve on the weekends, we invite you to join us and serve at Christmas Eve services. It’s even more fun when you serve together as a group. You can sign up at servenow.sv.cc