

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week 3: The week of September 26

ICE BREAKER

Ice Breaker 1: If you could learn one new professional skill, what would it be?

Ice Breaker 2: What's the most out-of-character thing you've ever done?

REVIEW

What was your one big takeaway from Sunday's message?

CONNECTING

In Pastor's message, he laid out eight principles for making wise decisions: 1) Seek the Lord in all your decisions. 2) Seek Counsel. 3) Suspend making major decisions while in a valley. 4) Do not rely on your feelings when making decisions. 5) Unless God directs otherwise, stick with your decisions. 6) When making decisions, separate facts from potential problems. 7) Don't permanently situate yourself in the past. 8) Set a time limit on your decisions.

Of these principles, which one(s) do you do well at?

Which one(s) do you neglect or find difficult?

DIGGING DEEPER

Of course, not all counsel is Godly counsel and not all counsel is wise counsel. Read 1 Kings 12:1-14,19.

What is the request of the people in verse 4?

Jeroboam heard the counsel of the old men who had counseled Solomon. Jeroboam also heard the young men's counsel. What did the two groups counsel Jeroboam to do? Why was it a mistake for Jeroboam to listen to the young men's counsel?

What principles on seeking counsel can you learn from this story?

Can you give a negative example of seeking counsel that didn't work out?

Can you give an example of seeking counsel and it was the right decision?

Why are people hesitant to seek counsel?

Read Luke 5:1-6. Often in the Bible, individuals were commanded to act or decide even when that decision was contrary to how they felt. This is what happened to Peter, James and John when Jesus asked them to cast their nets. Ultimately, what happened when they cast their nets into the sea?

What principle of decision-making can we learn from this story?

Have you had to make a decision between doing what you felt in the moment and doing what you believed to be right?

What poor decisions have you made while you were discouraged?

TAKING IT HOME

Which point from this weekend's message or Small Group study is most important for you to remember?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Starting Point Class—October 31

At 9AM in the Activity Center. Light breakfast and childcare provided. Sign up online at deserthills.church/starting-point

Ladies Retreat—October 15-16

Sign up in the lobby on Sunday's

Open House—Sunday, November 7

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