



Discussion Guide

Choose Wisely

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Starter Turn to the person next to you and tell them the last small decision you made before coming to small group today. Was it what to wear, what to eat, or something else? Could that small decision be shaping the direction of your life more than you realize?

Sermon Summary

While we make thousands of choices every day, it's the wisdom behind those choices that ultimately shapes the direction and destiny of our lives. By rejecting earthly wisdom driven by selfishness and embracing God's wisdom, we can grow into maturity and become more like Christ.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God's teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an "A" to remind you to take action.

C (Contemplate): Use a "C" to mark ideas you want to process further.

T (Transfer/Teach): If it's something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a "T."

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God's character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[Ephesians 4:14–16](#)

[James 3:13–18](#)

[Romans 15:1–3](#)

[James 4:8](#)

[Proverbs 12:15](#)

[1 Peter 4:8](#)

[Deuteronomy 30:19](#)

[Proverbs 14:29](#)

[John 10:10](#)

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There's no need to discuss every question.

1. Where in your daily life do you tend to make decisions on autopilot, and how might those habits be shaping who you're becoming?
2. Can you identify a recent situation where you responded out of earthly wisdom (bitterness or selfish ambition)? What would it have looked like to choose God's wisdom instead?
3. Which of the characteristics of heavenly wisdom (purity, peace, humility, consideration, etc.) do you find most challenging to live out right now, and why?
4. How are the influences around you (media, relationships, environment, etc.) shaping your thinking and decision-making, for better or worse?

5. What's one specific choice you're facing this week and how can you intentionally apply God's wisdom to it rather than following your feelings?

Go Deeper

1. Study Proverbs 3:5–6. What does it practically look like for you to “trust in the Lord with all your heart” in daily decisions?
2. Study Galatians 5:16–17. In what areas of your life do you feel the tension between the flesh and the Spirit most strongly?
3. Study Colossians 3:12–13. Which of these qualities (compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience) do you struggle with the most in your relationships? Is there someone you need to forgive or extend grace to? What's holding you back?

Apply

1. Build a simple habit this week: before making a meaningful decision, pause and ask yourself, “Is this driven by selfishness or God's wisdom?” Let that question guide your response instead of reacting on impulse.
2. Take inventory of what's shaping your thoughts—social media, conversations, entertainment—and remove or reduce anything that fuels negativity, comparison, or selfishness. Replace it with Scripture and counsel that points you toward truth and growth.
3. Each day, intentionally practice one characteristic of heavenly wisdom, like responding gently in conflict, considering someone else's perspective, or letting go of an offense. These small, consistent choices can begin to shift the direction of your life.

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask God to help you choose His wisdom over your feelings—to pause, seek, and honor Him as you make big and small decisions for your life.
2. Ask the Lord to reveal any bitterness, selfish ambition, or wrong motives you have and to replace them with a heart that is pure, peaceful, humble, and aligned with His Spirit.
3. Pray for God to shape you through your daily choices so you become more like Jesus. Pray for His help to grow in maturity, reflect His love in your actions, and trust that He will guide and establish your path.

Leadership Tip

Don't let the discussion stay theoretical. Guide your group toward one specific, real-life decision each person is facing. Help them process it through the lens of godly wisdom (not feelings) and then follow up during the week or the next time you meet. Growth only happens when people move from talking about wisdom to actually practicing it.