

DISCUSSION GUIDE

HOW TO KNOW WHAT TO DO
Stand-Alone Sermon

ICEBREAKER: What is a good thing happening in your life right now? What makes it good?

OVERVIEW: Life is all about decision-making. The quality of your life is directly related to the quality of your decisions. Unfortunately many Christians are really bad at this. By over-spiritualizing the decision-making process they often make foolish choices and bring shame on the name of Christ. But decision-making doesn't have to be that complicated. It's actually rather simple, and Christians should be the best at it. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to know what to do.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What's the best decision you ever made and why?
3. Why should Christians be the best at decision-making?
4. Why is it so important to make good decisions?
5. Read Proverbs 9:10 and answer the following questions.
 - a. What is the fear of the Lord?

- b. What is wisdom?
 - c. What is the connection between the fear of the Lord and wisdom?
 - d. What can a person do if they want to grow in the fear of the Lord?
6. Refer to Sunday's sermon for the following questions. The sermon discussed four unreliable ways to make decisions. What were they?
7. What are "impressions," and why are they an unreliable way to make decisions? In what way are impressions subjective?
8. How can impressions be used for spiritual abuse?
9. Explain the decision-making method called the "way of wisdom"? Do you understand the "way of wisdom," or do you have further questions about it? Explain.
10. Wisdom is not optional for believers (see Eph 5:15). What steps can you take to seek out wisdom in your decisions?

The Last Word: Don't blame your decision on God unless you can point to a command in the Bible or direct revelation (i.e., an audible voice).

