

March 28, 2021

TALK ABOUT IT



BIG Little THINGS

To watch the message, visit
cypresschurch.tv/teaching

TEACHING OVERVIEW

Pastor Ken wrapped up the BIG Little Things series by explaining the personal decision-making grid and exploring what the Bible has to say about saying “YES” more often.

Encouragement

What is one FUN thing you did this past week?

Have you ever surprised your friends, or someone in your family, by saying “yes” to something? If so, what was it?

Scripture & Discussion

Read: Deuteronomy 11:18-28

Discuss

1. Pastor Ken shared that there has to be a foundation to each person’s decision-making process. Why is it so important to make Scripture the foundation of our worldview? What are some of the common “bases” that other people in our society make their foundation for decision making? (Leader Note: Answer – personal desires, political objectives, etc.)
2. The reality is that we will always be in contact with people that fundamentally believe differently than we do. How can we as followers of Jesus love people with different foundational views than us?

Read: 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

Discuss

3. Paul shares at the beginning of this passage that not every permissible action is good and beneficial. Do you find it easier to ask the question, “Is this allowed?” or “Is this the most loving thing to do?” Why is it so much more difficult to ask the second question?

4. Pastor Ken explained how freedom should not result in self-indulgence. If God hasn’t given you a clear “yes” or a clear “no,” Paul is saying that we should do whatever is best for others. How can we use our own freedom to further the mission of the church?

5. Why do you think Paul provides truth and guiding principles, as opposed to a clear-cut answer to the question of eating meat? How can we use these same principles to address specific grey areas in our lives?

PPrayer

Pastor Ken challenged us to be parents, spouses, and friends that say “yes” as much as we can. Pray that God softens your heart to allow you to use your personal decision-making grid to say “yes” to God and others.

Pray this week that God gives you the strength and fortitude to take steps to lay a strong Biblical foundation for making decisions in your life.

Next Steps

Take the time this week to journal and evaluate how you respond to the grey area issues in your life.

Choose to say “yes” to something this week that you might not usually. Watch how God uses your “yes” to add value to your life and those around you.