

4 WEEKS

Walk's Way





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POWER TO BECOME

WEEK 1

SMALL GROUP STUDY

Kicking it off:

What's one of the most outlandish decisions you've ever made?

Big Idea:

Who will you become and what will you be able to accomplish in the future will be a direct result of the decisions that you make today.

Key Scriptures:

Galatians 1:10

"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."

Colossians 3:17

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

1 Thessalonians 4:3

"God's will is for you to be holy..."

Romans 8:29a

"For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son..."

Proverbs 16:2

"You may think everything you do is right, but the Lord judges your motives."

Discussion:

1. What's one area of your life where you wish you knew what God wanted you to do?
2. Read Galatians 1:10. Do you tend to seek the approval of others or God when moving forward with a decision?
3. Read Colossians 3:17. Think about this concept: God is more concerned with who you are than what you do. How does that change your perspective when seeking to discern what to do in a given situation?

4. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3 and Romans 8:29a. Who does God want you to become?
5. Read Proverbs 16:2. Talk about a situation where you had the right motives and one where you had the wrong motives. How might you better examine your motives when making decisions?
6. With what decision are you currently wrestling where you could apply the principle of who you are becoming versus what you are doing? Think about this decision then ask yourself these questions: What do I really want, why do I want it, and will this cause me to become more like Christ?

Wrapping It Up:

Commit to filter your decisions through the lens of becoming more like Christ as a result.

MEMORY VERSE

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Colossians 3:17



WISDOM TO DISCERN

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP STUDY

Kicking it off:

Do you consider yourself a wise person? Why or why not?

Big Idea:

You grow in your decision making by

- 1) walking with the wise,
- 2) asking God for wisdom and then
- 3) deciding what God wants you to do, recognizing that no decision is perfect.

Key Scriptures:

Psalm 32:8

"The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

Proverbs 4:7

"Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment."

Proverbs 13:20

"Walk with the wise and become

wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."

James 1:5

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

Discussion:

1. When making decisions, do you ever ask God for direction? What happens?
2. Read Psalm 32:8. Do you believe this? What role does God's guidance and advisement play in your decisions, whether big or small?
3. In retrospect, how do you determine if a decision you made was a good one or a bad one?
4. Read Proverbs 4:7 and 13:20. Those who have good judgment make the best decisions. If walking with the wise helps us to become wise,

how might you find the wise people to walk with?

5. Revisit Psalm 32:8. How might you embrace God not just as an advisor, but as a present and loving guide?
6. Read James 1:5. Think and pray about an upcoming decision you need to make and ask yourself: "What is the wise thing to do?"
7. Sometimes the best decision is not an obvious one. "Where there is no moral command, God gives you wisdom to choose." How might you choose wisely in your decisions, trusting God to guide you this week?

Wrapping It Up:

Commit to specific ways to ask for God's wisdom, walk with the wise and make your decisions with His will in mind.



MEMORY VERSE

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Psalm 32:8

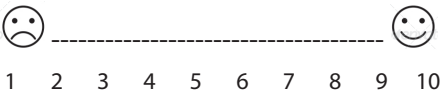
TRUST THE PROCESS

WEEK 3

SMALL GROUP STUDY

Kicking it off:

How decisive are you on a scale of 1-10?



Why do you think you're that way?

Big Idea:

If you can trust God's process, you can then trust the decision that you've made was guided by God.

The process of:

- The Spirit's prompting
- Certain uncertainty
- Predictable resistance
- Uncommon confidence

Key Scriptures:

Acts 20:22-24

"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy

Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. "

Psalms 119:105

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Discussion:

1. Read Acts 20:22. Describe what it means to you, right now, to be compelled by the Spirit. No wrong answers.
2. Talk about a time you felt prompted by the Spirit of God to do something. How'd you know it was the Holy Spirit? What did you do?
3. Revisit Acts 20:22-24. What can you learn from Paul about God's process?

4. Read Psalm 119:105. God will never lead you to make a decision that is contrary to the Word of God. How might you apply direction from His Word to your decision-making process?
5. What decision do you need to make right now for which you can seek the guidance of God's Spirit and His Word?
6. How might you challenge one other to really live compelled by the Spirit's prompting to share God's good news for His glory?

Wrapping It Up:

Commit to consistent time in God's Word so that your decisions may be guided by His light.

MEMORY VERSE

*"Your word is a lamp to
guide my feet and a light
for my path."*

Psalm 119:105



How Do You Do Something Big?

WEEK 3

SMALL GROUP STUDY

Kicking it off:

Are you more of a starter or a finisher? What makes you say that?

Big Idea:

As you seek God for His direction, He may call you to start something big. You'll never finish something you don't start, so start small and take the next step.

Key Scriptures:

Zechariah 4:10

"Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin ..."

Nehemiah 2:17-20

"Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.' I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king

had said to me. They replied, 'Let us start rebuilding.' So they began this good work. But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. 'What is this you are doing?' they asked. 'Are you rebelling against the king?' I answered them by saying, 'The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding ...'"

Galatians 6:9

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Discussion:

1. Read Zechariah 4:10. Do you think of God as one who rejoices over small beginnings? How does this affect your decisions?
2. Read Nehemiah 2:17-20. Nehemiah's accomplishment began with a burden from God. Do you have any divine

burdens? What makes you think this thought: "This isn't right. Someone needs to do something about this!"

3. Is there something God may be calling you to start?
4. Read Galatians 6:9. When you consider the opposition Nehemiah and his team faced, do you think he may have regretted his decision? What gave him courage for the task ahead? What can you learn from this?
5. What about starting makes you most worried or discouraged?
6. What small beginning might God be calling you to?
7. How might you allow your burden to override your fear?

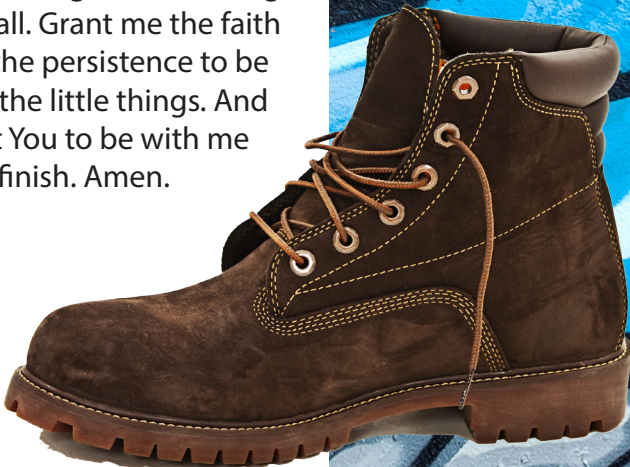
Wrapping It Up:

Start small, commit to a step, and live it out this week. Pray...God, give me the courage to dream big and start small. Grant me the faith to start and the persistence to be faithful with the little things. And Father, I trust You to be with me through the finish. Amen.

MEMORY VERSE

"Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin ..."

Zechariah 4:10



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Top 10 Tips for Leading a Small Group

1. Establish a welcoming, accepting, and safe environment.
 - Take time to prepare.
 - Make sure to give a warm enthusiastic greeting to each person.
 - Verbally communicate the environment that you hope to create.
 - Ephesians 4:1-3
2. On the opening night of your group you need to have some intentional discussions centered around these questions:
 - What is the purpose of our group?
 - What is the vision for our group?
 - What are your expectations?
 - What do you hope to gain from this group experience?
 - What are some things we value as a group?
 - What are some healthy guidelines we need to have in place?Review and sign a group agreement.
3. Be authentic. Spend time sharing your life stories in order to get to know each other on a deeper level.
4. Find a good balance between:
 - Truth and grace/Bible study and life
 - Encouraging and challenging one another
 - Giving and receiving feedback from each other
5. Ask good questions to stimulate good discussion. Use open ended questions and follow up questions.
6. Hang out together, do things socially, eat together and have fun together!
7. Develop a missional lifestyle, find a service project to do together in the community.
8. Raise up new leadership by rotating facilitation of the group.
9. Share the responsibilities in order to increase individual commitment and ownership of the group.
10. Pray for your group and for each other!

Find ways to celebrate what God is doing in your group! Who else could you invite to join you in order that their life may be impacted by what God is doing in your group?

Group Agreement

OUR PURPOSE

To transform our spiritual lives by cultivating our spiritual health in a healthy small group community. In addition, we: _____

OUR VALUES

Group Attendance: To give priority to the group meeting. We will call or email if we will be late or absent.

Safe Environment: To help create a safe place where people can be heard and feel loved. (Please, no quick answers, snap judgments, or simple fixes.)

Respect Differences: To be gentle and gracious to people with different spiritual maturity, personal opinions, temperaments, or imperfections. We are all works in progress.

Confidentiality: To keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group, and to avoid sharing improper information about those outside the group.

Encouragement for Growth: To be not just takers but givers of life. We want to spiritually multiply our life by serving others with our God-given gifts.

Welcome for Newcomers: To keep an open chair and share Jesus' dream of finding a shepherd for every sheep.

Shared Ownership: To remember that every member is a minister and to ensure that each attender will share a small team role or responsibility over time.

Rotating Hosts/Leaders and Homes: To encourage different people to host the group in their homes, and to rotate the responsibility of facilitating each meeting.

OUR EXPECTATIONS

- Refreshments/mealtimes _____
 - Childcare _____
 - When we will meet (day of week) _____
 - Where we will meet (place) _____
 - We will begin at (time) _____ and end at _____
 - We will do our best to have some or all of us attend a worship service together.
 - Our primary worship service time will be _____
 - Date of this agreement _____
 - Date we will review this agreement again _____
 - Who (other than the leader) will review this agreement at the end of this study _____
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