

Make More Decisions | Doug Wekenman | 03.09.2025 Weekly Study

SHARE

As group members get settled, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how life is going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

- Share a high, a low, and something interesting from this week.
- What daily decisions do you struggle with the most—like what to eat, what to wear, or what to watch? Why do you think those choices are challenging for you?

GROW

This week, Pastor Doug challenged us to Make More Decisions. Theodore Roosevelt once said, "In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."

In today's culture, we often feel paralyzed by fear when making decisions, worrying that one wrong move will lead us down a path we can't recover from. But we forget: God is not cruel, His plans are not fragile, and we are not that powerful. God has a perfect plan, and He has also given us free will. His plan works through our choices, not around or despite them.

There's likely one big decision—and many small ones—you've been putting off. This week, we challenge you to make a decision and trust that God will guide you every step of the way.

Read James 1:5-8, Jeremiah 29:11-13

- How did Doug's message speak to you this week? What stuck out?
- In what ways do you see the 'paradox of choice' affecting your spiritual life and decision-making process?
- What does it mean to be 'double-minded' in our faith, and how can we guard against this in our spiritual walk?
- What are some practical ways we can differentiate between God's voice and our own desires or fears when making decisions?

MOVE

Making decisions can feel overwhelming, especially when the future is uncertain. As Doug pointed out, we're trying to follow a God we cannot see, with a voice we cannot hear, into a future we do not know. It's no wonder we often hesitate, afraid of making the wrong choice. But the beauty of walking with God is that we're never making decisions alone. When we invite Him into our process, we can trust that He will guide us—not necessarily by giving us every answer upfront, but by walking with us through each step.

To help us navigate decision-making, Doug gave us four key principles:

- 1. Walk with the wise
- 2. Scout the decision
- 3. Make the decision
- 4. Own the decision.

Surrounding ourselves with wise, godly counsel helps us gain perspective and avoid blind spots. Taking time to scout the decision—praying, seeking wisdom, and considering the outcomes—

allows us to move forward with confidence. But at some point, we must make the decision, trusting that God is with us. And once we do, we own it, believing that even if we don't get everything right, God's plan is bigger than our missteps. When we seek Him, He will not let us be led astray.

Read Isaiah 30:21, Proverbs 13:20

- How can we balance seeking wisdom from others with trusting our own God-given instincts when making important life decisions?
- In what ways can we practically 'scout' our decisions when seeking God's will for our lives?
- Who are the wise people in your life that you turn to for advice? How have they
 influenced your decisions? If no one comes to mind, who could you reach out to
 this week?
- How might your life change if you approached decisions with the mindset that
 "God will go with you" rather than trying to avoid all potential mistakes?

PRAY

Take a moment to consider: What is one decision you need to make or fully commit to this week? How can you approach it with confidence in God's guidance and presence? Spend a few minutes praying for the needs of each group member in that area.