

It Is Written - WEEK 5

INTRODUCTION

Some decisions are made for us before we ever have a choice, some decisions seem to come easy and natural, and then there are those decisions that can be very difficult to make. So difficult that we can't decide what to decide. A good way of avoiding the tension of indecision is by making it a habit to first answer the question; "What does God say?" concerning the decisions we are given the opportunity to make.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Has there ever been a time in your life where you really didn't know what to do? You had to make a decision but were unsure what to decide. If so, what did you end up doing and how did you come to that conclusion?
- 2. What are some of the most difficult decisions you have had to make in your life? Who or what did you use to help you make these decisions?
- 3. Read <u>Matthew 4:1-11</u>. What did Jesus use to make the 3 difficult decisions he was tasked with making?
- 4. When you are faced with making a decision, do you consider what God has to say about the decision you make? Why or why not?
- 5. In the message, Jon said: "When our <u>personality</u> overrides God's <u>principles</u>, our decisions lack His providential <u>protection</u>." Has there ever been a time when your personality (feelings, emotions, character) told you do something you know was opposite of what God says to do? What did you end up deciding? How did that work for you?
- 6. If you are currently dealing with making a difficult decision right now in your life, do you know what God says about the decision you are facing? How can this group help you with making the decision?

MOVING FORWARD

In the story of <u>Matthew 4:1-11</u> we see that Jesus made his difficult decisions by following what God had to say about it. Going forward we should give God first reference in all of our decisions by doing the same. We should approach every decision by answering the question: "What does God say?" and then following His instruction implicitly.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Jesus answered, "<u>It</u> is <u>written</u>: 'People do not live on bread alone, but on <u>every word</u> that comes from the mouth of God.' " - Jesus (<u>Matthew 4:4</u> TNIV)