

The Momentum Of A Decision

Conversation Starters

What's your favorite campfire snack? (*e.g., hot dogs, s'mores, roasted marshmallows, etc.*)

We'll be celebrating Thanksgiving this week! What's the best food you had this year (or a new food you tried)?

Which way would you rather experience momentum: skydiving, bowling, setting up dominos, roller coaster, or a merry-go-round?

Review

Ask eGroup members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what spoke to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If members have a hard time recalling the sermon, talk through your notes and share your favorite points.

Make It Personal

- On a scale of 1-10, how good are you at diagnosing others' decisions? (*e.g., "Oh, that was a bad decision, she shouldn't have done that..."*) (1 is I hardly ever do that, 10 is I do that all the time) Are there certain people whose decisions you're more likely to diagnose than others?
- Read Luke 5:1-3. Just like Jesus got into Peter's boat, He made the decision to get into YOUR boat. Are you living like that's true? What are some ways this truth can influence your decisions?
 - Jesus got into your boat knowing all your dysfunctions. What does that mean to

you? How have you been letting your dysfunctions hold you back or disqualify you?

- Read Luke 5:4-11. Do you think Peter made a “dumb” decision? What dumb decisions have you made to follow God?
 - What wisdom came from your decision? How did it allow God to take you deeper?
- Read Matthew 16:24-26. Talk about what it means to you to “follow Jesus.” (*What does it mean to be a disciple?*) Are there things you left behind when you started following Him? (*Are there things you still need to leave behind?*)
 - Following Jesus is a moment-by-moment decision. What decisions have led to you not following Him? (*Encourage your group to get practical here. This can be simple things like being cynical, not forgiving others, not honoring your leaders, etc.*)
 - Pastor Steven encouraged us to “drop it” — every offense, every empty net, every failure, etc. What do you need to drop?
- Like with Peter, the deepest things God will do in your life start shallow. What’s a shallow decision you made that led to something deep? (*Have you ever done anything like Pastor Steven when he deleted Twitter from his phone? Do you ever convince yourself that shallow decisions/steps won’t help?*)
- God has given us the power to delete some things we’re praying for deliverance from. Is there a deep solution you’ve been looking for? (*What things are you wishing were different or hoping they would change?*) What’s a little thing you can do differently in that situation? (*What do you need to delete that’s been defeating you?*)

Act On It

Make a small decision this week to follow Jesus. Fill in this blank: “I’m deciding to ____.” (*e.g., talk kindly to that coworker, forgive someone who hurt me, help a friend who needs support, etc.*) Are there daily decisions you can include in this? (*e.g., do a devotional, pray for someone I don’t get along with, spend the first five minutes of my day with God, etc.*)

Prayer Requests And Prayer

Ask eGroup members to share any prayer requests they have. Record any notes or prayer requests to pray for members during the week.

Father, we're so grateful for Jesus and His decision to get in our boat. Help us live with the belief that He is right beside us — let our decisions reflect the grace He showed us, and show us the decisions we can make this week that will position us to see You move in a deep and powerful way. In Jesus' name, amen.