

Decisions, Decisions ...

Week One: At Pastors request; outline of three weeks

GOAL: CARE – we should pay attention to our decisions.

Intro/Discussion – Is there really a difference FOR YOU in bad/good decisions? [Visual – pastor & child] – Does anyone always help? Can anyone never help? What kind does God care about? [Visuals - Cars; route; angel/devil on shoulder – always?]

Just-the-Facts – Levels of decisions [Visual]:

1. This is what I want – right now! => Esau – Gen 25:29-34
2. This will get me something better ... soon. => Jacob working for Rachel (Gen 29)
3. This will please others, make things better around me. => Abraham/Lot (Gen 13)
4. This will make the community/world a better place. => Min. to widows (Acts 6)
5. This will please God. => Daniel with lions; eating pulse (Dan 1; 6)

Scripture – Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14-30; Time & Talents – Take care, and Decide how to use them!

Exercise – race to your decision! (recent decision, or scripture)

Real-World: Best time to think on decisions: before bed (tomorrow's to-dos), early morning (devotional attitude adjustments) ... they matter!

Dynamics – Are there decisions waiting for you? Waiting at a higher level? Is God hoping you will make a level 5 decision, and you are at a lower level?

Homework – this week pay attention to (even journal) your habit/pattern of decisions – are there certain times that you make better/worse decisions? Are there other factors that affect your decisions?