



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker: Okay, it s summer, so why are we still talking about ice?! How about ice cream instead? What s your favorite brand and flavor, and what s the best memory associated with it?

- Pastor Tom began by pointing out that obedience is “simply living up to what I already know.” In your opinion, why do we try and wiggle out of obedience by claiming that “we didn’t know”? How has that worked out for you?
- Read Deuteronomy 30:19-20. What are the choices we’re offered? Have you ever considered that the choices you make every day lead to one of these? How does/ should this knowledge shape our behavior? How have you experienced wanting to do the right thing but then doing the opposite?
- “We make better choices by the power of God’s spirit.” Read Romans 8:5-8 and discuss the differences between the person who is making their choices based on the Spirit vs. themselves. What or who is shaping your decision making? Take a few minutes of silent reflection and prayer and invite the Holy Spirit to fill and control you once again...or for the first time.
- How does the truth that “when we make better choices we experience a reduction of shame and regret” strike you? Do you have a positive view of obedience or do you tend to see God as the referee waiting to call us on our mistakes? Read John 3:17 and think through that question again.
- Better choices shape us into the image of Jesus. Read Philippians 2:5-8 and Luke 22:42-44. What are some ways that we should be looking like Jesus in our daily lives and interactions with people? What next steps would this attitude bring you to make?
- If your choices were laid out in front of the group tonight, what story would they tell? Committed Christ follower? Cultural Christian who’s more about image than walking the talk? Still living for yourself and needing to say your own personal YES! to Christ? As you close in prayer, pray that each member would be making choices that will shape them into the image of Jesus.

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Read Psalm 101

Day 2: Read Psalm 102

Day 3: Read Psalm 103

Day 4: Read Psalm 104

Day 5: Read Psalm 105

BECOMING OBEDIENT.

SENIOR PASTOR TOM LUNDEEN

MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSION // PERSONAL GUIDES

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“Becoming Obedient”

[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

- So as we're committed to and passionate about Jesus' mission, what does God want to _____ our lives that will also help us become more like Jesus?
- Obedience is really simply _____ to what I already know.
- Growing spiritually really comes down to _____ our choices/activities more to God's will.

1. The _____ of Choices

God _____/created us to have the ability to make choices.

It's a huge part of what it means to be created in the _____ of God.

Note Deuteronomy 30:19; Joshua 24:15; Psalm 25:12; Ecclesiastes 10:2

2. We Make _____ Choices...

...By the _____ of God's Spirit (*note Galatians 3:3; Romans 8:5; Galatians 5:16, 24*).

When was the last time you asked the Holy Spirit to fill and _____ you?

3. _____ We Make Better Choices...

- A. We experience a reduction of shame and _____ - we too often view obedience as a b_____ obligation...with God as a referee ready to call a technical foul for any _____ we take...the reality is ...we experience a new _____ of God's incredible grace and love...less shame and regret results in more happiness and life working as God _____ it to.
- B. We start to _____ Jesus more (*note Philippians 2:5-9a; Hebrews 5:8; John 5:19, 30*) - how _____ is making good, better, and in Jesus' case, the best choices? (*note Matthew 26:39, 42, 44; Luke 22:42-44*)

So am I becoming...:

- So what do your _____ tell about you?
- What _____ choice is God encouraging you to make today?

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the Connect Card to let us know about your commitment, too!



“Becoming Obedient” **[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]**

MESSAGE NOTES

- So as we're committed to and passionate about Jesus' mission, what does God want to add into our lives that will also help us become more like Jesus?
- Obedience is really simply living up to what I already know.
- Growing spiritually really comes down to aligning our choices/activities more to God's will.

1. The Power of Choices

God designed/created us to have the ability to make choices.

It's a huge part of what it means to be created in the image of God.

Note Deuteronomy 30:19; Joshua 24:15; Psalm 25:12; Ecclesiastes 10:2

2. We Make Better Choices...

...By the power of God's Spirit (note Galatians 3:3; Romans 8:5; Galatians 5:16, 24).

When was the last time you asked the Holy Spirit to fill and control you?

3. When We Make Better Choices...

- A. We experience a reduction of shame and regret – we too often view obedience as a burdensome obligation...with God as a referee ready to call a technical foul for any misstep we take...the reality is...we experience a new depth of God's incredible grace and love...less shame and regret results in more happiness and life working as God designed it to.
- B. We start to resemble Jesus more (note Philippians 2:5-9a; Hebrews 5:8; John 5:19, 30) – how critical is making good, better, and in Jesus' case, the best choices? (note Matthew 26:39, 42, 44; Luke 22:42-44)

So am I becoming...:

- So what do your choices tell about you?
- What better choice is God encouraging you to make today?

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