



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker: Aside from Jesus, which person in the Bible inspires you the most? Why?

1. When you need to make a (non-everyday) decision, how do you go about that process? Who do you seek out, how do you decide who to trust and who to ignore? What are some of the things that tip your scale from “I’m not sure...” to “This is the right decision for me.”? How could Psalm 119:105 be a help in this process?
2. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Tell us about a time you depended on your own understanding rather than seeking God’s will. How did things turn out? Looking back, how could seeking God’s will at all have changed the outcome?
3. Read John 6:28-29. We all begin our journey with God by re-placing our trust in who or what will save us from our guilt in God’s eyes. We must each stop trusting ourselves and believe, or trust, in Jesus alone to save us. Have you said your own personal YES! to Jesus yet? How do Jesus’ words here challenge you? In what ways do you struggle with or embrace this truth?
4. Pastor Tom said that if any area of our life has a “no entry” sign on it, that will most likely be the area that causes us to “crash” in life. How have you seen this to be true in your own life or in the lives of those around you? How has surrendering to God changed your outlook on your life situations? How has it encouraged your faith?
5. Read Hebrews 13:20-21. God calls us to radical trust which allows Him to help us navigate or overcome both the good and the bad circumstances in our lives. What are some of the things in your life you need to turn over to the care of our Heavenly Father? When we have a wise trust in God, we will have a purpose beyond pleasure, comfort, power, position or other things that will always leave us wanting more. What are some of the ways that you have been trying to manage your own life? How can your small group support and pray for you to have this kind of wise trust?

PERSONAL GUIDE

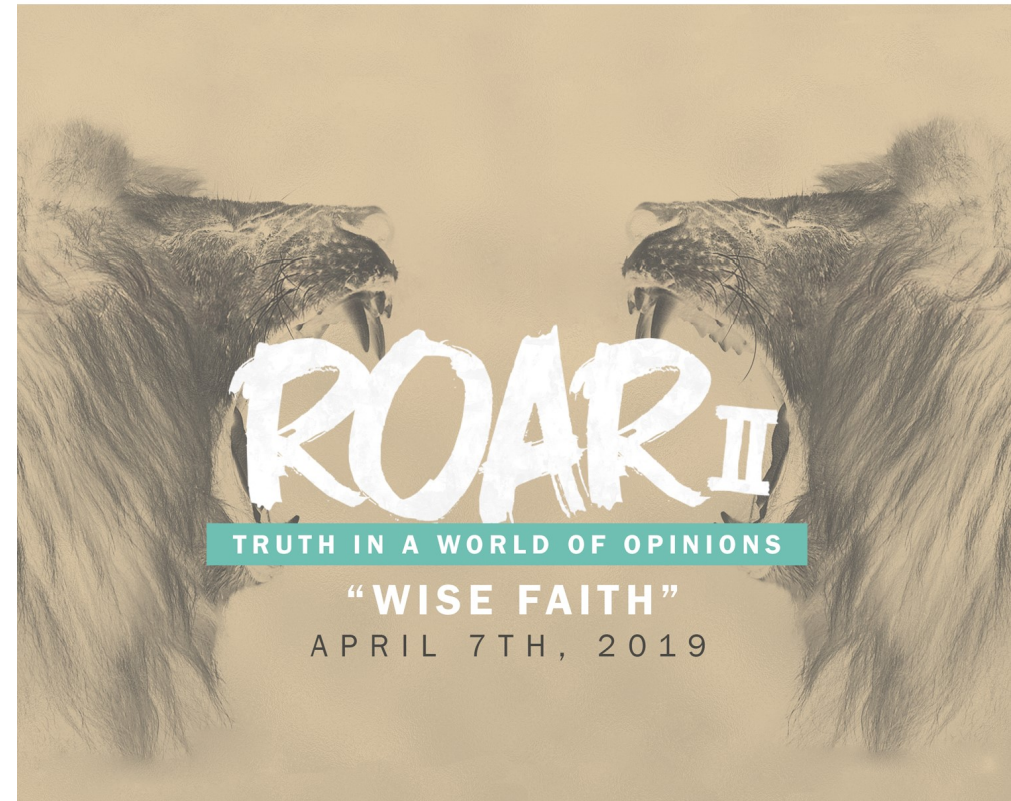
Day 1: Read Psalm 51

Day 2: Read Psalm 52

Day 3: Read Psalm 53

Day 4: Read Psalm 54

Day 5: Read Psalm 55



MESSAGE NOTES AND DISCUSSION-PERSONAL GUIDES



“Wise Faith”
[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

Whose _____ can be trusted?

What can we _____ our choices and decisions on?

Note Proverbs 3:5-6

What does a _____ trust in God look like?

1. _____ the Heart (note Proverbs 3:5a)

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_____ (*note James 2:19*).

To trust in the Lord with all our heart means we _____ our trust from
ourselves...and put it completely in Jesus alone.

This is where anyone's relationship with God _____ (*note John 6:28-29*).

2. _____ the Mind (note Proverbs 3:5b)

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Note Romans 12:1-2

3. _____ Every Area of Our Lives (note Proverbs 3:6a)

If any area of our life...has a No _____ sign on it to God and His wisdom, that
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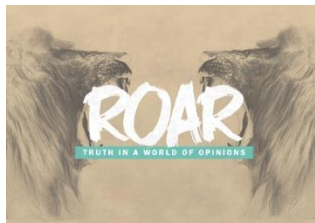
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This is where anyone's relationship with God begins (note John 6:28-29).

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