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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*Would you rather give up salty or sweet foods... forever? What food would you miss most from the category you chose?*

1. How did [James 1:5-6](#) hit you as you think about how you make or don't make decisions? What's the hardest part of "indecision being a decision" for you?
2. Read [Psalm 23](#). Review the bullet points in the Message Notes entitled, "Learning from Psalm 23." Each bullet point has an action word associated with it...which one is the one you need to start doing this week? What is second in line?
3. How can I actually live out my belief that God will personally guide me in my decision-making processes?
4. Read [1 Kings 18:21](#) (ESV). What of yourself do you recognize in Elijah's challenge to the people of Israel?
5. Let's end with Pastor Tony's question: "...who have you been listening to who sounds like God, but isn't God?" How will you ensure you're listening to the right voice in your decision making?

*Day One:* [John 11](#); [Psalm 79](#)

*Day Four:* [1 Timothy 6](#); [Jeremiah 13](#)

*Day Two:* [Exodus 29](#); [Proverbs 17](#)

*Day Five:* [Job 17](#); [Acts 23](#)

*Day Three:* [Romans 1](#); [1 Samuel 30](#)

## PERSONAL GUIDE

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*



# RIVERSIDE CHURCH



## NOW WHAT?

### "INDECISION, DECISIONS, AND WHAT'S BEEN DECIDED"

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Indecision is a \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 1:5-6** teaches...

Patient and prayerful decisions are \_\_\_\_\_; fearful, man-centered \_\_\_\_\_ is not. They may look the same from the outside, but are different in \_\_\_\_\_ between you and God.

### Learning from Psalm 23

I admit I need to be \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

*v.1a: The Lord is my shepherd.*

- Doing anything (even ministry) without some form of surrendered prayer is the highest form of \_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ I have all I need in God.

*v.1b: I lack nothing.*

- It's possible to not have what you want in life, yet still have everything \_\_\_\_\_.

I commit to \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

*v.2-3a: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes by soul.*

- What would it take to let yourself \_\_\_\_\_ into God with everything?

I discern my \_\_\_\_\_ through God.

*v.3b: He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.*

- "Right paths" implies, "Keep \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ with God."

I embrace \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

*v.4: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

- Make a \_\_\_\_\_-based list of all the ways God is \_\_\_\_\_ in your direction.

I face the "impossible" \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*v.5: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

- God wants us to humbly sit before people and situations we'd rather \_\_\_\_\_.

I grow when I don't \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*v.6: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

- Let the thread you see reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ you haven't fully seen.

### So now what?

- When you're overwhelmed, don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- God says He'll personally guide me in making a decision... Do I \_\_\_\_\_?
- How will I, in \_\_\_\_\_ ways, let God guide me?
- When will I quit \_\_\_\_\_? (see **1 Kings 18:21**)
- Practice it right now.

Don't miss this: These decisions are usually defined by a previous decision - who have you been listening to who \_\_\_\_\_ like God, but \_\_\_\_\_?

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