



Study N: Decision Making

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”
Luke 6:46

Why: Reasons for the study

- There is a lack of understanding of the authority structure that God has ordained.
- Most people see themselves as the ultimate authority and make decisions accordingly.

What: Principles to grasp

- God designed an authority structure to order and direct and protect our lives.
- Your attitudes and behaviors are a result of choosing God’s way or Satan’s way.
- The easiest decision is to follow Satan and continuing to do so, leads to bondage.
- The decision to follow God is often the hardest, but continuing to do so, leads to freedom.

How: Path to a changed life

- To develop a biblical understanding of God’s authority structure
- To begin to align themselves and their choices with His authority structure
- To understand that as they practice thinking biblically and making biblical decisions, following Christ becomes easier
- Their faith builds as they submit their decisions to God’s commands and principles

Helpful ideas:

- Although it may not be obvious, many people have authority issues.
- Help your disciple identify the authorities in their life and where they struggle with submission to that authority.
- Explain and discuss *The Crossroads of Decision* diagram. Though simple, it is key in helping your disciple see how they may be making decisions.
- Explain and discuss *Making Biblical Decisions* diagram and emphasize how fear of negative consequences and other motives influence decisions.
- Encourage disciple to build an awareness of whether they are following Satan or God at time they make decisions. Have them ask, “What are my motives?”

Tools and additional resources:

- *God’s Authority Structure* diagram
- *Unbiblical and Biblical Goal Orientation* diagrams (*Pursuing Biblical Goals*)
- *Battle of the Mind* diagram (*Renewing Your Mind*)
- *Steps To Releasing Fears to God* (*Releasing Fears*)