



CENTRAL Life Groups

CURRICULUM

WEEK 3 /// COUNSEL BIBLICALLY

DISCUSS

To begin, take some time to answer the following questions:

- How well do you make decisions? Are you impulsive? Overthinker? Pragmatic? All of the above?
- Have you ever asked for help from a group about making a decision?
- What are the benefits of counseling one another from the Bible?

READ

Read the following verses from the book of Proverbs:

- Proverbs 11:14
- Proverbs 12:15
- Proverbs 15:22
- Proverbs 19:20-21
- Proverbs 27:6

DISCUSS

- From these verses, what theme(s) do you see?
- Why do these verses warn us about making decisions in isolation?
- In your group, what kind of decisions do you think warrant wise counsel from your group? What decisions can you make on your own?

APPLY

One of our Life Group Behaviors is to “Process and Pray, Not Just Report.” We want to process and pray through life decisions, not just report decisions we’ve already made—whether that’s switching schools, job opportunities, financial decisions, big purchases, and so on. Scripture says wisdom comes from the counsel of many, and your Life Group will be your wise counsel. We believe that if our groups consist of people filled with the Spirit of truth, being guided by the Word of truth, then the Lord’s will and work be made clear.

MAKING DECISIONS

QUESTIONS TO ASK

WHEN COUNSELING BIBLICALLY

WHO

Who all will be affected by this decision?

Who's best interest is in mind?

The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice. (PROVERBS 12:15)

WHAT

What are the implications of this decision?

What are the pros and cons, from a kingdom perspective?

To answer before listening— that is folly and shame. (PROVERBS 18:13)

WHEN

When do you need to make this decision?

When will the implications of this decision take effect?

Desire without knowledge is not good -- how much more will hasty feet miss the way! (PROVERBS 19:2)

WHY

Why do you want to do this?

Why are you struggling or conflicted in making this decision?

All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord. (PROVERBS 16:2)

WHERE

Where in the Scriptures does it speak to this situation?

Where do you and others feel the Lord leading you?

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. (PROVERBS 3:5-6)

HOW

How will God be most glorified in this decision?

How will you continue to seek God's will after this decision?

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1 CORINTHIANS 10:31)