

Acts 1:8-26 | John 14:1-6 | John 17:20-21 | John 16:13-15

Heaven and earth.

Resurrection, ascension, and return.

Big Picture for us (Full and complete unity of God and Man)

How do I make decisions?

- My natural place is in prayer and worship.
  
- In God's Presence.
  
- The Spirit helps me.

Take the next step of obedience, God will use it!

My next step:

- Be in his Presence (pause)
  
- Ask to be one with Jesus and align my desires with him.
  
- Bring my decisions before the Lord and listen to the Spirit's leading.
  
- Take the next step.

*Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>*

Looking back over what Jeff talked about on Sunday, was there something you'd like to share?

When you have a decision to make, what do you typically do? What have you find challenging when it comes to making decisions?

**Connect to God's story**

*Take a moment to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion as you read the Scriptures together.*

**Read Acts 1:6-11.**

Have you ever had difficulty waiting for God's timing? How does Jesus redirect their question? What do we learn from this redirection about what is important in the moment?

What do we learn from the two white-robed men who suddenly stood among them? Are you eagerly awaiting the return of Jesus? Why or why not? What do you do when the answer from the Lord is not particularly what you're thinking or requesting?

Read Acts 1:12-26.

What happened to Judas? Why do you think it was important in Peter's mind to find a replacement for him?

*Making decisions can be difficult and people can use a narrative story like this as an instruction or rule on how to make a decisions. Why is it important to be able to discern what the Bible is describing and what the bible is prescribing? (telling you what happened v. telling you what to do as a universal principle)*

There are many ways to come to a decision. What are some important things you've learned from Scripture to keep in mind when making decisions? What role does the Holy Spirit play in the decisions you make?

Have you experienced the contrast of making a decision with the Holy Spirit's leading and making one without His leading? *Please share your story with the group.*

***“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Do don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil. Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.”***

***- Proverbs 3:5-8 (NLT)***

## **THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS**

*Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).*

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

### **SHARE**

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

### **STUDY**

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

### **SUPPORT**

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

### **SERVE**

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)