

The decisions we make today The challenge we face is:	the lives we have in the future.
Our decisions are	·
Our decisions are	responses.
Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your pla	ns. Proverbs 16:3
•Make up your mind what you will do _ But Daniel <u>made up his mind</u> that he would not defile himself with t Daniel 1:8 (NASB)	
Our decisions reflect our	
Here's why this matters: When our values are clear, our decisions will come	
Jesus made up his mind before the cross, that He woul "Right now I am shaken. And what am I going to say? 'Father, get me first place. I'll say, 'Father, put your glory on display.'" John 12:27-28	e out of this'? No, this is why I came in the
I have made up my mind to	
• If we're going to follow Jesus we have to	Philippi. As they walked, he asked, "Who do
He then asked, "And you—what are you saying about me? Who am Christ , the Messiah." Mark 8:29 (MSG)	I?" Peter gave the answer: "You are the
That decision means: Jesus is not a religion He is the _ makes relationship with God possible.	that
"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Fath	ner except through me. John 14:6 (NLT)
"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own w	vay, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If

"Anyone who wants to follow me must put aside his own desires and conveniences and carry his cross with him every day and keep close to me! Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it, but whoever insists on keeping his life will lose it... Luke 9:23-24 (TLB)

you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. Luke

A few	really	important	things:

9:23-24 (NLT)

Salvation is accepting	Jesus is and	He has done for us.
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If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"	" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you
will be saved. Romans 10:9 (NIV)	

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• Lordship recognizes His "And you—what are you saying about me? Who am I?" Peter gave the a Mark 8:29 (MSG)	
 Jesus want us all to become And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually God enters our lives and we become like him. 2 Corinthians 3:18 (MSG) 	becoming brighter and more beautiful as
 All of us are at in followers, but we're all on the same path. 	becoming fully devoted
Following Jesus means: I've made up my mind to Anyone who wants to follow me must put aside his own desires and concevery day and keep close to me! Luke 9:23 (TLB)	
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• I've made up my mind to live out Jesus'	3:15 (NLT) g to Christ." But if he doesn't do what to will learn to love God more and more.

TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- · What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- What does it mean that when our values are clear our decisions come easier?
- Read Mark 8:27-28 and Mark 8:29; What is the difference between what people said about Jesus and what the disciples said about Jesus?
- Talk through the 4 points under the heading "A few really important things". Why are these important?
- What does it mean to you to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus? What does it mean that we are all at different places in becoming fully devoted?
- How do we make up our mind to identify with Jesus? How does this make us a follower of Jesus?
- · How do make up our mind to live with Jesus' purpose? How does this make us a follower of Jesus?
- · How do we make up our mind to live out Jesus' lifestyle? How does this make us a follower of Jesus?

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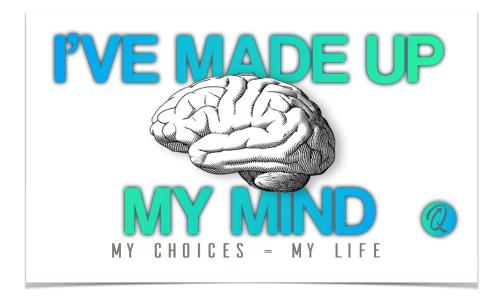


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"To Follow Jesus"

