

I'VE MADE UP



MY MIND

MY CHOICES = MY LIFE



- When we make up our minds, we are establishing a **new value** of something in our lives.
- The decisions we make reflect the **commitments** we've made.
Joshua spoke to the people, saying, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve"..."But as for me and my family, **we will serve the Lord**". Joshua 24:15
- If we don't make up our mind we will make up **excuses**.
- I've made up my mind to **Share Jesus**.
Go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have taught you, and I will be with you always, even until the end of this age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NCV)
You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere... Acts 1:8 (NLT)
...God brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. **So we are Christ's ambassadors**; God is making his appeal through us. **We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"** 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)
- God has a strategy to reach people, and **you're it**.

We'll never be willing to share Jesus until:

- The people in our life are **worth** the **risk**.
- We understand why people **reject Jesus**.

Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)

- We accept that people's **choices** matter.

"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it. Matthew 7:13-14 (NLT)

- We're convinced where **lost** people go.

We have to understand:

Heaven and Hell are **real** places.

...Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the **devil and his angels**. Matthew 25:41 (NIV)

- When we're convinced that hell is real, we'll do all we can to **Share Jesus** with everyone we can.

- To share Jesus with others, we have to do things that we've personally **never done before**.

Sharing Jesus means:

- We share our **hope**.
God **loves you** and sent Jesus to **pay for your sins**. (John 3:16 NIV)
God can give you **peace** no matter the circumstance. (John 16:33 NLT)
God will give you the **strength** to make it through. (2 Corinthians 4:3, 8-9 NLT)
God is ready to **save you** now. (Romans 10:9-10 NIV)
God wants to **do life with you**.

- **Invest** in people.

Invest in **praying** for people disconnected from God.

My friends, how I wish with all my heart that my own people might be saved! How I pray to God for them! Romans 10:1 (TEV)

Invest in **relationships** with people that are disconnected from God.

The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" So the people came streaming from the village to see him. John 4:28-30 (NLT)

- **Invite** people to church.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him. Matthew 9:9-12 (NLT)

- We share our **story**.

- Your story communicates that if you're **willing to share it**, there must be something to it.

...if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. 1 Peter 3:15-16 (NLT)



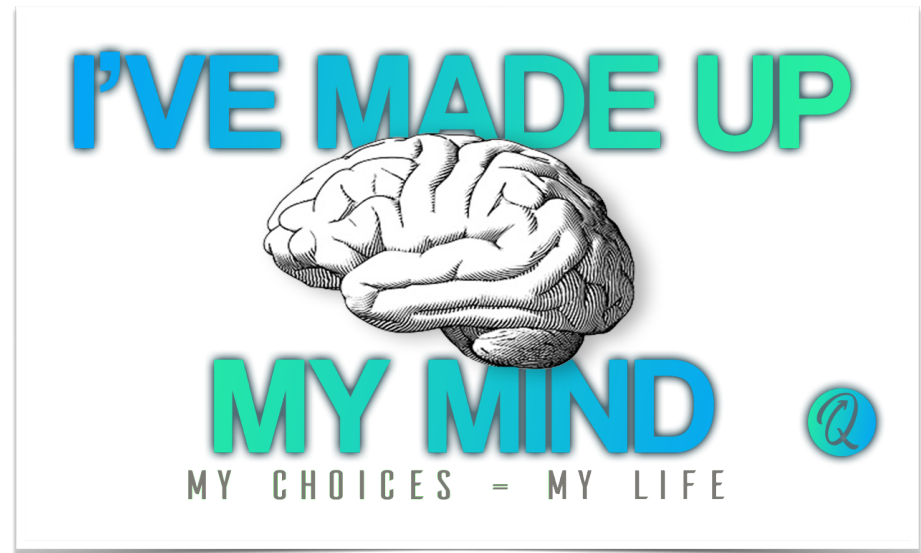
TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

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?
- Why is it important to make up our mind to share Jesus with others?
- What does it mean to share Jesus? Do you understand that sharing Jesus is the responsibility of every Follower of Jesus?
- Do you find it difficult to share Jesus with others? Explain.
- What does it mean to share our hope with others?
- Talk about what it means to invest in people that are disconnected from God. Why is this important?
- Have you ever shared your story with an unbeliever? What has God done in your life since you accepted Jesus?
- Why is our story so important?

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