

One Way Choices

Matthew 7:13-14

Life's most important choices are _____.

Life's most important choices:

1. Choosing to _____ life.

Where can I make a positive start in my life?

The Narrow Gate: *I am the gate... be _____.* John 10:9

The Wide gate: _____ other way Acts 4:12

Apply: Have you got to the starting point yet?

2. Choosing a life _____.

Which way will I go in life?

The Broad road

The Narrow road

"...neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. Isaiah 55:8-9

Apply: Beware of those who only tell you _____.

3. Choosing where life will _____.

Where will I end up in life, and beyond?

a. **Destruction** - *apoleia*, cp. *Appollyon*

1) It is _____, as contrasted to _____.

2) It is _____.

3) It is _____ **Luke 16:19-31**

b. **Life**

There will be no more death ... the water of life Revelation 21:1-8

Apply: Take a preview of your eternal home.

4. Choosing a _____:

Do I want to live and die with the crowd?

Matthew 7:13-14 _____ or _____?

Apply: Beware of _____ thinking.

Challenge: _____ you, this day... Joshua 24:15

Ten Life-Sharing Questions

Adapted from the Discovery Bible Study Method

I'd challenge our groups to try the Discovery Method this week. Just ask the questions below and see where the Holy Spirit takes us. Please provide feedback to mike@ssefc.org

Question #1: "What happened last week for which you are thankful or you saw God especially at work?"

- Encourage everyone to answer briefly.
- This question opens a discussion to encourage *one another* and deepen relationships.

Question #2: "What struggles or tensions are you facing in your life, family or community?"

- After the study there will be a follow-up question.
- This question opens a discussion to share in *one another's* lives by prayer.

Question #3: "How did our (or your) missional serving effort go last week?"

- This question would be a good follow up for weeks your groups goes missional.
- This question opens a discussion to share in *one another's* mission & ministries.

Question #4: "What section of God's Word are we studying today?" Luke 6:27-37

Focus sharing in this specific text, then bring discoveries to the Sunday study.

- Have the text **read** aloud.
- Ask for a volunteer to **re-tell** the passage in their own words.
- Ask the rest of the group to **fill in additional** details important to them.

Question #5: "What do we learn about God in this section?"

Question #6: "What do we learn about people from the section?"

Question #7: "How would your life change if you put this passage into practice?"

Question #8: "How does this relate to what we studied on Sunday or in the series?"

Question #8 (occasionally): "Who could share these discoveries with?"

- I know the first answer is "family" and "us" but can we look for "others" also.
- This question opens a discussion to share our lives with *others*.

Sharing by Serving:

Earlier we heard about (insert appropriate need or struggle mentioned earlier).

Question #9: "How can we help meet that need?" Always add to **prayer** time.

Question #10 "Are we ready to multiply this life-sharing group?"

The answer is based on answers to Questions 3 and 8 by seasoned groups.

This format is followed every meeting. While it may seem too simplistic or redundant, it is to be repeated until it becomes something the group knows to do without thinking about it (the three "R's" of education—"repetition, repetition...")

There is one more question that is needed at times: **"Where is that in this passage?"** The group is trained to ask this question when someone tries to bring in topics that are not included in the text, it's a way to keep the group on track. Here we are being disciplined to depend on Scripture as our source of spiritual authority.

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2) It is conscious torment.

3) It is inescapable Luke 16:19-31

b. **Life**

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4. Choosing a world view:

Do I want to live and die with the crowd?

Matthew 7:13-14 Few or Many?

Apply: Beware of conventional thinking.

Challenge: Choose you, this day... Joshua 24:15