

Bible Study

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Which Way Now?

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Fork in the Road

Have you ever found yourself in your car at a fork in the road, clueless about which direction would take you where you want to go? Have you ever felt like you were at a dead end with a decision you need to make? It is frustrating to be at a point in life where it seems all you can do is throw up your hands and say, "Which way now?"

In His Word, God encourages us to bring that question to Him. He loves us so much He sent His Son to redeem us from sin and hopelessness into life and security within a relationship with Him. He longs for you to come to Him often and to ask Him, "Lord, which way now?"

Prayer Is a Privilege That Comes Through a Relationship with God

Read these verses, reflecting on the depth of your relationship with the Lord.

For each verse consider: What do you discover about the Lord? What do you learn about yourself?

- John 15:5-9
- Ephesians 3:14-21

God Cares About the Details of Life

How do these verses show that God cares about what is happening in your life?

- Matthew 6:25-34
- Luke 11:5-13

God Wants to Answer Prayers for Guidance

What promises does God make to you in these verses?

- Psalm 48:14
- Psalm 91:15
- Isaiah 30:21
- James 1:5-6

God Can Show You the Way to Go

What do these verses say about the means through which God can direct our lives?

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- John 14:26
- Psalm 119:67-72

You Can Learn to Listen for God's Guidance

What do you learn from these verses about listening to God?

- Luke 5:16
- Habakkuk 2:1 & 3:2

You Need to Test What You Think God Is Saying to You

What ways do these passages suggest for testing whether or not we are hearing God correctly?

- Luke 21:33
- 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Romans 14:10-15
- Colossians 3:15

Reflection

(If time does not permit doing this section as a group, encourage participants to reflect on these questions in their personal devotion time at home.)

As you review what you have studied in God's Word, what have you learned about the character of God?

If you are facing a decision in your life right now, what have you learned in this study to help you with the decision-making process?

How has your trust in the Lord been strengthened and encouraged through the Scriptures you studied?

Closing

Speak or sing the following hymn verse together as a closing prayer (LW#220).

Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim though this barren land.
I am weak, but You are mighty; hold me with Your powerful hand
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

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