

**Welcome to the
Common Ground Café!**



Sunday, August 8, 2021

**How to Make Decisions in Uncertain Times
A Study of Ephesians 5:17**

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Read Ephesians 5:17.

Why is it foolish to neglect God's will in our decisions?

What decisions have been harder to make during uncertain times of pandemic restrictions? Why?

In one of his books, the late John Stott suggested five ways to seek God's will. Use your sermon notes to fill in the blanks as you come to each point in the rest of the discussion guide.

S_____ Yourself to God's Will

How did Jesus give us an example of this step in the Garden of Gethsemane? (Read Matthew 26:37-39.)

Why is it hard to do this? How can we be more successful at it?

P_____ for God's Guidance

What do James 1:5 & 4:2 have to say about this?

Is this step effective without full surrender (step 1)?

How can we tell the difference between our “inner voice” and God’s voice? How does scripture help with this?

Ask for A _____

Describe a time when you were helped with a decision by a godly advisor.

How should you select advisors?

Apply your M _____ to the Question

Read Proverbs 18:13 and 22:3.

Why should past experience come into play as you think through a decision?

Why weigh the cons as well as the pros of a decision? In other words, if you consider possible negative consequences from a decision, isn't that just being pessimistic instead of believing God?

W_____ for an Answer

Read Matthew 2:13. What did God tell Joseph to do once he got to Egypt?

Why is patience a virtue when seeking God's guidance in making decisions?

From your experience, would you say God sometimes withholds directions to cause us to seek him more intently, so that we will draw closer to him?

According to Isaiah 40:27-31, what should you do while you are waiting?

As you close with praise reports and prayer requests, share any decisions you or a loved one needs to make so the group can pray for wisdom.