

Parent Curriculum Guide

Study: **Diagnosis – Titus 2:12**

Overview:

Students make thousands of decisions every day. Many of them are small, some are major, but they all affect students. This five-session study will train your students in how to make wise decisions from a biblical perspective. Not only will this study encourage students to live for the heart of God, but it will also show them a practical way to make God-centered decisions.

Session One: The Gift Of Choice

Central Bible Truth: The decisions that we make have a profound impact on our lives.

Focal Passage: Genesis 3:1-7

Outline:

Adam and Eve: The First Bad Decisions

1. Was truth known? – Genesis 2:16-17
2. Was truth understood? – Genesis 3:1-3
3. Was the decision based on Biblical fact or the flesh? – Genesis 3:6

Jesus Christ: The Ultimate Right Decision

1. Was truth known? – Matthew 20:28, Luke 19:10, John 3:16-17, Romans 5:8
2. Was truth understood? – Matthew 20:19
3. Was the decision based on Biblical fact or the flesh? – Matthew 26:36-46

Questions For Discussion:

1. What's the big deal about how we make our choices?
2. How can I be sure to make the right choices?

Session Two: The Enemy Of Decision Making.

Central Bible Truth: Compromising truth in decision-making is very dangerous.

Focal Passage: John 1:17, John 14:6, 2 Timothy 4:3-4

Outline:

What Is The Bad Side Of Compromise?

1. What is objective truth? – John 1:17, John 14:6
2. What is subjective evidence? – 2 Timothy 4:3-4

Three Biblical Diagnoses

Case 1 Who: Cain and Abel

Where: Genesis 4:1-8

Case 2 Who: David and Bathsheeba

Where: 2 Samuel 11:1-5

Case 3 Who: Shadrach, Meshah, and Abednego

Where: Daniel 3:8-18

Questions For Discussion:

1. What danger is there in spiritual compromise?
2. How can you overcome spiritual compromise?

Session Three: The Battleground of Decision Making.

Central Bible Truth: The Bible gives us absolute truth to deal with issues that may seem unclear.

Focal Passage: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Outline:

What Are The Battlegrounds In Decision-making?

1. Black and white
2. Shades of gray

What Does The Bible have To Say?

1. The weapon of Biblical rules. – 2 Timothy 3:16
2. The weapon of Biblical principles. – Romans 14:1-19

Questions For Discussion:

1. Are there gray areas in life where the Bible doesn't apply?
2. How can you practically apply the Bible in areas that some people would say is gray?

Session Four: The Path Less Traveled

Central Bible Truth: It is vital that we make godly decisions in our everyday lives.

Focal Passage: Titus 2:11-12

Outline:

The Wrong Path

1. The pursuit of ungodliness. – Titus 2:12a
2. The pursuit of worldly passions. – Titus 2:12b

The Right Path

1. Toward self-controlled lives – Titus 2:12c
2. Toward upright lives. – Titus 2:12d
3. Toward godly lives. – Titus 2:12e

Questions For Discussion:

1. What is the danger in following the crowd?
2. How do you get back on the right track, spiritually speaking, if you have lost your way?

Session Five: The Strategy For Good Decision Making.

Central Bible Truth: God wants us to make good diagnoses.

Focal Passage: Proverbs 16:3, Proverbs 15:22, Proverbs 21:5

Outline:

What Does A Strategy Look Like?

1. Commit all of your diagnoses to the Lord. – Proverbs 16:3
2. Ask for help in difficult diagnoses. – Proverbs 15:22
3. Do not be quick to make diagnoses that will affect you for the rest of your life. – Proverbs 21:5

Two Things That Will Short-Circuit Your Strategy

1. Situation ethics
2. Majority ethics

Questions For Discussion:

1. Why is it important to have a strategy about the decisions that you make?
2. What are the steps you can use as a strategy to make Biblical decisions?
3. What should be the basis for all decisions that you make in life?