

1 Share your experience of one difficult decision you have to make. How did God guide you to choose rightly?

Emphasize Proverb 3:5,6 (if it has not done so...)

'Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.'

Do we trust God with all our heart in our life circumstances?

Do we make decision based on what we can see?

Promise of God guiding us when we acknowledge Him in all our ways.

2 Who is the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit guide you in your daily life, to walk right before God? (Refer to Jn 16:7-13)

1 John 5: 6b-7 --> Spirit is truth, Spirit is God

John 16: 7-11 --> Ministry of the Spirit, Comforter

Holy Spirit --- reprove of sin, that we will walk away from it, righteousness, that we may walk in it, judgement, that we may fear it and be accountable to our every actions.

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1 Thessalonians 5:19 ---> Spirit can be quenched

The chidings of the Holy Spirit can be repressed.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit. Eph 4:30

3 Have you ever been disappointed with yourself and you got angry with God? How can you be sure of God's guidance through disappointment? (ans Rom 8:28, 29)

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WARNING! TWO INTERPRETATIONS – disappointed with oneself. Disappointed with circumstances etc.

Romans 8: 28,29 --> God will take care: no matter how bad the situation is, God promised to work ALL things for good for Christians.

All the happenings are to make us to be more like Christ.

God foreknew us, predestinated us – purpose: conformation to image == sanctification (through trials and tribulations), trials planned to sanctify!

4. Have you ever allowed success in your life to lead you away from God? How can you bring God back to have sovereignty over your life? (Discuss the Prodigal Son: Lk 15)

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Luke 15 --> Come back to God in humility and repentance.

Come to his sense. See the reality of the terrible situation he is in.

Confess his sin to God.

Rise up and act upon his repentance.

Make right with his father.

A new life.

5. Assurance of guidance comes by getting our priorities right. How does paying our dues to God assure us of God's guidance? (Discuss tithing from Mal 3:8-12)

Malachi 3: 8-12 --> If you honor God, God will honor you.

Tithing requires much more than money in a bag -- need reflect, feel grateful and cheerful

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