

ONE DECISION

AT A TIME

[PARTICIPANT GUIDE]

GETTING STARTED

F.W. Boreham famously said, “We make our decisions, and then our decisions turn around and make us.” In many ways, our decisions define our lives. Discuss with your group what decisions you’ve made that have defined your life. Which decisions do you look back on and wish you could change? Which do you look back on and still rejoice that you chose the decision you chose?

OVERVIEW

Jesus saw simple chances to share the love of God with those He encountered. We have the same opportunity to focus our hearts and our eyes on the people that God has placed around us. It might be a neighbor, a coworker, someone at the grocery store, a friend at school, or someone you meet randomly as you’re going about your week. They all need to know God’s love for them. We all have something we can offer that the Lord can multiply powerfully. This week we will consider how we can love and lead others to know the love of God, one decision at a time

Open up and read John 1:35-42

UNPACKING THE VERSES

1. Why does John refer to Jesus as the “Lamb of God?” What is the significance of that description?
2. Jesus asked the disciples who were following Him, “What do you want?” What do you think they were looking for?
3. These two disciples spent the day with Jesus. What do you think they did and talked about on that day with Him?
4. What was Andrew’s response to spending time with Jesus?



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Encounters with Jesus lead to decisions. It starts with a decision to trust in Him, but every encounter from there is always a decision. It's a decision to trust in Him and follow Him. It's a decision to give, go, trust, and love. Each decision has the potential to not only change our lives, but the lives of the people around us and around the world. Andrew didn't know that his decision to trust Jesus would lead him on a 3-year journey where he would see miracles he had only read about. He couldn't have predicted that his decision to tell his brother would lead to whole books in the New Testament and the establishment of the Church. It was one decision, but each decision changed Andrew's life and the lives of every believer, including us.

LIVING IT OUT

1. Have you personally decided to trust in Jesus and follow Him?
2. Andrew decided to follow Jesus and the first place Jesus led Him was to his brother. Who have you shared your story with? Who knows about the decision you made to trust Jesus with your life?
3. Jesus called Simon to Himself and gave him a name that pointed to all that Jesus had for his life. It was one decision for Simon to follow Jesus, but it led to a life calling. What decisions do you think Jesus might be leading you toward with your life for Him?

PRAYER

God, thank You for sending Jesus and giving us the ability to decide to follow You—not just for salvation, but for all of life. Help us know each day what decisions we should make to love those You place in our paths and how we can use our lives to bring You glory. Amen.

