

TLC Home Group Expectations

- **Please start and end on time.** If you'd like to provide an atmosphere of fellowship, it's better that you provide this at the end to allow people who have to leave the opportunity to do so.
 - **Allow silence.** Allow room for others to contemplate and even feel uncomfortable when asking someone to read, within group prayer, or when throwing out a question. Please don't rush in just to fill the space. Allow God to do what only He can.
 - **When sharing, make it about you and what God is revealing about you and or Him.** Please allow room for others to share (don't dominate).
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HOW MANY CHOICES HAVE YOU MADE TODAY?

Ephesians 4:7-16

The average adult makes on average an estimated 35,000 decisions per day. This includes a vast range of choices, from small, mundane ones like what to wear, to bigger, more significant decisions. While it's a large number it's important to remember that this estimate includes many subconscious or low impact choices. Some have debated this number but the reality is that we navigate through a significant amount of choices daily.

- What are some of your challenging daily choices?
- What are some daily choices that you find easy to make?
- How would you describe yourself as a decision maker? Do you prefer to be involved in decision making or prefer someone else make decisions for you?
- How do you navigate through a relationship in which you don't have a choice about certain things?

Read Ephesians 4:7-16

According to God's **grace**, He has given us spiritual gifts. The choosing doesn't involve human judgement or self-choosing within the actual gifting, when the gift is to be used, and where it's to be used.

- Where are other places in scripture that identify the spiritual gifts?
- Do you desire to discover, know, and use your spiritual gifts?
 - If so, how have you done so?

Ephesians 4:7-16 and 1 Corinthians 12 indicate why God has given us spiritual gifts. Why has God given us spiritual gifts?

Acts 16:6-10 indicates that even the apostles were not permitted to choose their place of service.

- Living in a culture of unlimited choice can cause us to think we always have the right to choose. When we surrender to God, we are giving Him the authority and power to govern, call, lead at his discretion alone. So how do you navigate through your relationship with God, his call, and within gifting when you don't get to make the call or choice?

Are you doing your part within the body of Christ?

How are TLC Home Groups a good place to explore your gifting?

What would you like to bring before God in prayer?