



# KEEP TALKING

The weekend doesn't have to end. Keep Talking with this week's guide.

## The Pattern | Making Righteous Choices

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**START TALKING** - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

In [insert restaurant here] what is the go-to meal that you would choose?

Would you rather be:

Hot all the time or cold all the time?

Live in the city or the countryside?

**KEEP READING** - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking.

Romans 12:9-21, Genesis 17:1-2, Job 1:1

- What stands out to you from these passages?
- What do these teach us about what it means to be righteous?
- Making righteous choices is not just about what we don't do but also about what we do. How can we do this? (Romans 12:9-21)
- Joseph said that "A righteous person is therefore an upright, pure, holy person who observes the laws of God and upholds Gods standards." Do you agree with this? What does it mean to be Upright? (Holy, Pure etc).

**KEEP TALKING** - Choose questions to create openness.

Joseph gave us 4 things that are evidence of a person making righteous choices:

1. Choosing Jesus
2. Hating/Abhorring Sin
3. Not conforming to the standards of this world
4. Offering ones body as a living sacrifice and not giving into the desires of the flesh

- Which of these stands out to you and why? Do you demonstrate this well?
- Which of these do you struggle most to do?
- Joseph shared that to abhor something means 'to violently dislike something or to find it despicable.' What does it mean to violently dislike sin?
- How would demonstrating these 4 things impact how we live?

## **KEEP MOVING/GOING -Commit to a step and live it out this week.**

Why not take a moment to reflect on how you make righteous choices in your life. Maybe there is something you need to stop doing or reduce. Maybe there is something that you need to be proactive and start doing.

There are a few ways you could create space to do this:

- Pause to reflect and ask God to speak to you
- Get a piece of paper and write down under each of the 4 points from Joseph's talk ways you are demonstrating them (I.E. I am demonstrating choosing Jesus by ...)
- If there are some choices that you are making that aren't righteous you could come up with a plan how you can change this

## **KEEP PRAYING**

- Prayer together as a group and ask God by His spirit to help you live righteous lives.
- Pray for any prayer requests in the group.