



Truth doesn't take polls. Truth doesn't care how one votes. Truth doesn't change—like it or not. In this series we will look at how the never-changing gospel can change the way we deal with reality.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 The paths our lives take are a consequence of the choices we make. **Read Galatians 6:7.** Last week's message reminded us that *"You Are Not in Control,"* while this week's message focuses on the truth that *"You Get to Choose."* How would you explain this healthy tension in the Bible between divine sovereignty and personal responsibility?

2 GOD CHOSE to give us the gift of choice. We were made to choose. This freedom comes with the risk that it will be misused. How is *"freedom of choice"* an indispensable part of what it means to be made in God's image? What impact does this have on God's desire to enjoy fellowship with us?

3 Rick reminded us that *"the gift of choice grants us great dignity and great responsibility that is often misused."* He went on to ask us this challenging question, *"But is it right to be mad at God for not sparing us from the consequences of our own choices...or even the choices of others?"* Why or why not? How would you explain this to someone else?

4 WE GET TO CHOOSE... who we will worship. This is a choice we must make every day. **Read Joshua 24:15.** How do the choices you make every day reveal and determine who or what has captured your heart? What changes might need to be made in your family in order for you to *"Worship Regularly"* and *"Connect with God"* daily? Follow up discussion: Rick pointed out from **Luke 10:41-42** that sometimes the choice is not between bad and good; it is between good and

better. How have you experienced that to be true in your life?

5 WE GET TO CHOOSE... how we will respond. We live in a world that values retaliation, and justifies returning evil for evil by saying, *"I had no choice."* But Jesus makes it clear that we are not to treat others on the basis of how they treat us. **Read Matthew 5:38-39, 43-48 and Romans 12:17-21.** Have you sought revenge with anyone in your life? If you feel comfortable sharing, what was it that led you to that response? How would Jesus want you to respond differently after hearing the truth of His Word?

6 WE GET TO CHOOSE... what we will become. We are conscious of the choices we make to change us on the outside, but too often we are unconscious of how the daily choices we make are changing us on the inside. How have you seen that to be true in your life? How is *"you will reap what you sow"* both a warning and a promise? Follow up discussion: **Read Philippians 2:12-13.** Although we do not partner with God in our justification, how do we partner with Him in our sanctification?

7 WE CHOOSE... because we have been chosen. The decisions we make are not so God will love us, but because He does. **Read Ephesians 1:4 and Colossians 3:12.** How does it make you feel knowing that God chose you first and how should that impact the way you live? As you reflect on this message, what is one thing you need to focus on this week?

