

**The Path of Decision**  
**Text: Joshua 24:14-15**  
**May 20, 2023**

**Big Idea: Because only God's path leads to victory; we must choose to serve Him alone.**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

**Question #3 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?*

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

**Question #4 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is the application?*

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

**Question #8**

- a) Why is it difficult to put away 'small g gods' and choose to serve the Lord alone?
- b) What 'small g gods' do you need to 'put away' that you are serving?
- c) What fruits occur when you want those 'gods' and chase after them?
- d) What are you thinking in those moments that leads you to chase them?
- e) What is it you actually want, that you think those things will give you?
- f) How does the gospel fulfill what you're chasing after in those things?

## **Prayer Application**

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) ADORATION: Lord, you are worthy to be feared, because only You are\_\_\_\_\_ .
- b) CONFESSION: Confess & repent where you: i) Fear other things over the Lord ii) Choose to serve 'small g gods' over Him
- c) THANKSGIVING: Thank you Jesus, that in You there is victory over\_\_\_\_\_ .
- d) SUPPLICATION: Jesus, I ask You for Your victory in the home through: i) Increasing Dependence on You ii) Increasing Discipleship Through You iii) An increasing Reverence for You iv) An increasing choice to serve You alone.

### **Memory Verse:**

*"And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."-Joshua 24:15*