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(note [John 14:15](#))

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Our responsibility is to sincerely want to make better choices that _____ with Jesus' heart, mission and will; believe that Jesus is _____% supportive of you making better choices; and yield daily and ask daily to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: With temps like we've had lately, who needs an icebreaker?! But seriously, how have you made the most of your summer despite our latest heat wave?

1. How do you think you would have responded to Jesus saying to you in person "Come follow me."? Read [Matthew 4:18-22](#).
2. When did you respond to Jesus' call to follow Him? Tell the group a bit about it.
3. Being a follower of someone in Jesus' day meant that you obeyed them. What are some of the choices you've had to make to obey Jesus instead of acting like everyone else?
4. Pastor Tom asked "How can I make more Jesus-loving choices?" You must choose yourself or the Holy Spirit as your source of strength; what's the right answer? Which do you usually default to? What do you need to do to rewire your response? Read [Galatians 3:3](#), [Romans 8:5](#) and [Galatians 5:16, 24](#).
5. Jesus-loving choices lead to greater joy in life and resembling Jesus more. How does Jesus' example in [Mark 14:32-41](#) show us the way to make good choices?
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Day One: [Matthew 7](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 7](#)

Day Three: [Romans 7](#)

Day Four: [2 Thessalonians 2](#)

Day Five: [Job 7](#)

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from
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