

**Key Scriptures: Romans 5:12-21; Philippians 3:13-14**

**1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.**

- What is your favorite DIY show? If you don't have a favorite, what DIY show do you at least know of? Fixer Upper with Chip and Joanna Gaines? Property Brothers? Or do you remember Extreme Home Makeover? What makes any of these shows popular?
- If you were to start a completely original remodeling show, what would you remodel, and what would you call it?

**2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.**

- Read Romans 5:12-14. Who is the man through whom sin entered the world? Why did death come through sin? (see Genesis 1:15-17) What might have happened if Adam trusted God so much that he never disobeyed? Who *did* trust their life to God and *NEVER* disobeyed Him?
- Read Romans 5:17-18. How many sins did Adam have to commit that condemned him (and all of us) and brought judgment? But how many sins does Jesus' sacrifice bring justification? Jesus' sacrifice comes through grace and is called a gift of righteousness. How would you define grace and the gift of righteousness?
- Read Romans 5:15-16. Adam's choice to disobey God led to death, what happens when we accept God's gracious gift of salvation? What does it mean by "the gift... brought justification?"
- Read Philippians 3:13-14. What is the goal that Paul is talking about?

**3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.**

- Do you believe that God is protecting you, or do you think God is holding out on you? Why or why not?
- Jesus was fully man and fully God, so what gave Him the will not to sin? Can we receive that same strength? How or why not?
- Why does Paul compare Adam and Jesus? Both were men... in a garden (Eden/Gethsemane)... who had to make a choice regarding what God said about the tree (Of the Knowledge of Good and Evil/the Cross) that was in front of them. And their choice would affect all mankind! How did Adam's choice affect Mankind? How did Jesus' choice affect mankind?

**4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.**

- Pray that God's will be done in your life n(and your family's lives) and that He gives you the wisdom to see the best choice.

**5. Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.**

- "Good is the enemy of the Best!" – Examine the major life choices you've made to see if they are just good or are they God's best for you. Then look at future choices that are in front of you and search the Bible for wisdom to make the best choice. (Philippians 3:13-14)