Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of June 21, 2015 Joshua 24:14-15

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

14 "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Common English Bible (CEB)

14 "So now, revere the Lord. Serve him honestly and faithfully. Put aside the gods that your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and serve the Lord. 15 But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I will serve the Lord."

Connection Questions:

1. Life has been defined as the sum total of all a person's choices. What is the ultimate choice in life?

2. The verb "choose" is an imperative. Joshua was a military commander who at the end of his life, challenged the people to choose whom they would serve. What three reminders did he give them of the goodness of God?

3. What examples in your church and community can you give of people who have made the choice to serve God?

4. The ultimate decision to choose God in serving is an urgent one. The Bible emphasizes this fact. Eighteen times life is described as fleeting and uncertain. Can you name several scripture that describe life this way?

5. “Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness.” What does it mean to fear the Lord?

6. What are some ways we can serve the Lord in our church and community?

7. Joshua understood the power of family. “As for me and my house” speaks of that family concept. How can your family reinforce commitments to God as a family?