



Discussion
Gu'de

“OBEDIENCE IN MIRROR”

03/27/22

OBJECTS IN MIRROR APPEAR CLOSER THAN THEY ARE

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**OUR DECISIONS TODAY AFFECT THE STORY
THAT WILL BE IN THE REARVIEW TOMORROW**

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God Moments are when we celebrate God doing big things in our lives...and we want to pray for God to do big things in our lives as well. When God answers these prayers, they become God moments! Go around your group and share your prayer needs or God Moments. [Leaders: pray for these as best fits your Pr'me]
- As we wrap up the winter cycle of Pr'me, is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
*Our Decisions Today Affect the Story
That Will Be In the Rearview Tomorrow*
- This Week's Object Lesson:
Train travel—your train will end up at a destination
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Ephesians 5:15-17**
Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,
making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.
(v. 15-16, NIV)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Have you ever driven on a road OR been on a train, plane, or boat that didn't end up where you thought it would? Tell the story.
- To get us chewing on this topic, share examples of ways that the path that someone is on now in life will affect their future.
- In **Ephesians 5:15-17**, Paul gives general instructions for making sure that we're on the right path. Let's discuss specifics:
 - *Live Intentionally* (see **Eph. 5:15**). What does it mean to "be careful" how we live? Share different ways that looks in your life today.
 - *Use Every Opportunity* (see **Eph. 5:16**). How do we do this? What "seasons" in life are people likely not to "make the most of"?
 - *Continue Obediently* (see **Eph. 5:17**). To get on the right path, we need to obey God's will, but this isn't as difficult as you may think...
- Read **Romans 12:1-2**, **Proverbs 3:5-6**, and **Hebrews 12:1-2** and answer the following questions about all three passages:
 - In each passage, what are we supposed to *stop* doing? What are specific, everyday ways that we can stop doing *each* one of these?
 - What does each passage tell us to do "toward" God? List specific, practical ways that we can do each of these? No churchy answers!
 - What does each passage promise about God's will as we obey?
 - How does this shape what you had known about God's will?
- Which of the three Eph.5 instructions above is hardest for you? Why?
- Is your life on the path that you want it to be? What do you need to change so that you will like what you see in the rearview later?

The Reinforcement (optional)

Use these questions for further discussion during your group, or at home

- Not knowing God's will is not an excuse for disobedience. Even without the above steps, God's will is clear: Read **1 Peter 2:15**; **1 Thess. 4:3-8**; **1 John 2:15-17**; and **1 Thess. 5:16-18**. Do you obey *these*?
- Don't forget to join mc3 with the YouVersion Bible Reading plan *Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets* at bible.com/reading-plans/21989