

“Lot’s Wipeout!”
Series: “Wipeout”
(Part 1 of 2)

Discussion Starter: Which statement describes you best? When it comes to making decisions; a) I usually go with my first instincts, b) I like thinking things through, or c) I have a hard time making up my mind.

Explore: Read John 6:57-69.

Jesus drew great crowds and developed a large number of followers. Although people marveled at the miracles Jesus performed, they sometimes had difficulty with His teaching.

1. Why were the disciples of Jesus grumbling (vs. 57-61)?
2. What was the problem with many of Jesus’ followers (vs. 62-65)?
3. After Jesus finished speaking how many disciples made the decision to leave and how many decided to stay (vs. 66-67)? How do you think Jesus may have felt at this point?
4. For what reason(s) did the twelve choose to stay with Jesus (vs. 68-69)?

Reflect: Review the LG and discuss the questions below.

1. What is the biggest decision you have had to make over the past month?
2. Abram allowed Lot to decide where he would live. If faced with a similar choice, do you think most people would follow the example of Lot or Abram? Explain.
3. Living near the city of Sodom probably didn’t seem like a big deal at the time, but it proved to be deadly. How can the decisions we make on a daily basis impact our lives over the long haul? How can others help when it comes to making good choices in life?
4. What example does Lot give you to follow in trying to live a godly life in a sinful world? What example does he give to avoid?
5. Take time to reflect on the upcoming months. What difficult decisions are you facing? How will this lesson help you make decisions in the future?

Live: Take it home.

As a group: Life is full of choices. If any of your group members are facing difficult decisions, take time to pray for them. Ask God to provide wisdom and discernment.

On your own: Think about the decisions you make on a daily basis. Are any of these decisions hurting your relationship with God? Are any of these decisions hurting your relationships with family? What will you do this week to ensure you are making good decisions?

Listening Guide Notes

Life lessons from Lot’s wipeout...

1. What you do after the cross matters.

^[7] “Quarreling arose between Abram’s herdsmen and the herdsmen of Lot....

^[8] So Abram said to Lot, ‘Let’s not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are brothers.’^[9] Is not the whole land before you? Let’s part company. If you go to the left, I’ll go to the right; if you go to the right, I’ll go to the left.’^[10] Lot looked up and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, toward Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)^[11] So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company.” –**Genesis 13:7-11 (NIV)**

2. Watch where you pitch your tents.

^[12] “Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom.”^[13] Now the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.” –**Genesis 13:12-13 (NIV)**

3. Make things right when you have the chance.

^[17] “As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, ‘Flee for your lives! Don’t look back, and don’t stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!’^[18] But Lot said to them, ‘No, my lords, please!’^[19] Your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have shown great kindness to me in sparing my life. But I can’t flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I’ll die.^[20] Look, here is a town near enough to run to (Zoar), and it is small. Let me flee to it—it is very small, isn’t it? Then my life will be spared.” –**Genesis 19:17-20 (NIV)**

“Lot... left Zoar and settled in the mountains, for he was afraid to stay in Zoar.” –**Genesis 19:30 (NIV)**

4. Your decisions always affect others.

^[23] “By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land.”^[24] Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the LORD out of the heavens.^[25] Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, including all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land.^[26] But Lot’s wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.” –**Genesis 19:23-26 (NIV)**

“Remember Lot’s wife!” –**Luke 17:32 (NIV)**