

"Fate, Gambling, And God" Proverbs 16:33; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 Erin Burleson, February 18, 2024

Connect with each other in joy and concern

• As time allows, general conversation about the sermon is welcomed.

Discussion Questions

- What is the easiest decision you've ever made? What do you consider to be the hardest decision you've ever had to make?
- Do you agree that trust is the currency of decision-making? If so, how have you experienced trust in a way that supported or stalled your decision?
- If not, what do you consider the primary characteristic of making decisions?
- To what degree do you trust yourself? To what degree do you trust other people? What degree do do you trust God? What would it take to improve those numbers?
- When have you been tempted to categorize decisions to help navigate and you cope with the consequences on the other side?
- The ancient world used casting lots as a way to discern God's will, in their decision making. What tools and resources have you used to help discern between choices?
- At least four examples of decision-making in the Bible were mentioned. Which of these is most natural for you? Which is most challenging? Why?
 - decisions based on tradition/ family legacy
 - decisions based on community/ counsel
 - decisions based on prayer and discernment
 - decisions based on knowledge and data
- What decisions are before you right now, or for this season of life?
- Paul writes to the church in Corinth that "we have the mind of Christ." What does it mean to you to have the mind of Christ?

Closing Prayer