

Foundation Study
Gambling
September 23, 2018

Getting to the Point:

- What do you first think of when you hear: gambling?
- How might people define gambling?
- What are different opinions of gambling you've heard?

Digging into God's Word:

Read Psalm 22:1-8, 16-18

- How would you describe the situation of the psalmist?
- Does v.1 remind you of another Scripture passage?
- Despite suffering and persecution, in what is this psalmist's trust? Why do you think he has such trust?
- How would you describe the actions of those surrounding the psalmist? What are they doing?
- What do you think it means to cast lots in this passage?
- Does v.18 remind you of another Scripture passage?

Read Matthew 27:32-40 & Mark 15:22-25 & John 19:23-24

- How would you describe the scene surrounding Jesus on the cross?
- In Matt 27:35, Mk 15:24, & Jn 19:24, what are the people doing?
- What do you think it means to cast lots in these passages?
- How might you describe the hearts of the men casting lots?
- Why might it be significant that Jesus quotes Psalm 22?
- How do you think 'casting lots' in these Scriptural passages compares to modern descriptions of gambling?

Read Joshua 14:1-2 & Joshua 7:10-15 & Exodus 28:30

- What is being distributed to the people? (Josh14)
- How would you describe the process of distribution?
- Why might it be significant that it was done 'just as the Lord had commanded?'
- Josh 7:14, how is God conducting the process of selection?
- Where, and with whom, are the Urim and Thummim located?
- What do you think Urim and Thummim are?
- How do you think this compares to modern descriptions of gambling?
- Do you think Urim and Thummim were the primary means of God's revelation in OT Scripture?
- Do you think God had other ways of revealing His will? How?

Read Acts 1:15-26

- By what means were the disciples filling Judas' spot?
- How do you think this compares to the rest of Scriptural lot casting?
- How might this compare to our process of filling a pastoral role today?
- How might this compare with modern descriptions of gambling?

Closing Prayer: God, grant us always trust You, knowing You reveal Yourself to us in Your ways and time. May Your Spirit guide all our doings through prayer and supplication. In Jesus name, Amen.

Next Week:
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