

Casting Lots
Joshua 18:1-10
January 24, 2016

1. Have you ever randomly opened up your Bible to read a passage of scripture? If so, did God use it to speak to you in a significant way?
2. Most of us would admit to making decisions based on good rational thinking. We weigh the evidence, do the research, and then eventually make an educated decision. How does making a decision in this manner bypass the wisdom of God? What are some ways in which our own wisdom is lacking?
3. Pastor Jim gave us a working definition of casting lots as: "A device of seemingly random chance used to allow God to speak." However, scripture tells us that there is nothing random in this world. Read Psalm 16:5-6 and Proverbs 16:33. What do these verses tell us about God's control in the world? Is this hard to believe? Why or why not?
4. Pastor Jim mentioned that casting lots is not frequently spoken of today because it is not nearly as important as some other ways that we might hear God speaking to us. That being said, what are some primary ways God speaks to us? (See Hebrews 1:1-3; Psalm 119:105; John 14:17; Acts 13:1-3). What are some of the most common ways God has spoken to you?
5. Pastor Jim mentioned that casting lots is not a shortcut to praying. How can prayer and the use of casting lots be used together in making a decision?
6. Take time to pray with your group. Is there a decision you are a facing in which casting lots could be used? Be encouraged that no detail is too small for God to control.