



What Was I Thinking, Week 1

To reach your full potential, you can't play it safe. Avoiding risk leads to a mediocre life. But foolish risks may destroy your life's work and legacy. So how can you be sure you won't end up asking yourself, what was I thinking?

Conversation Starter: *Have some fun as you break the ice.*

- Are you more of a processor or an impulse decision-maker?
- Would you rather be able to see into the future or change the past? Why?

Key Scriptures: *Let God's word frame the conversation. Take a minute to read this selected passage together as a Group.*

- *Matthew 25:14-30*

Discussion Questions: *Pick a few of the questions below to guide your time.*

Starting Sharing: *Choose a question or two to create openness.*

- Share a time you have been caught off guard by shocking news.
- How have you found yourself trying to work to earn God's favor? What was the result?
- Do you tend to be more risk-tolerant or risk-averse? Why?

Start Thinking: *Choose a question or two to think critically about the subject.*

- What do you think it means to risk well?
- Why isn't playing it safe necessarily the right decision? How do we often equate safety with wisdom?
- How do you tell the difference between foolish choices and wise choices?

Make it Personal: *Choose a question or two to help you identify your best next step.*

- Why do you want to make better decisions in your own life? Who do you hope it benefits?
- How have you been tempted to just play it safe? Is that really faithfulness?
- What filters have you put in place to try and make the best possible decisions?

Next Steps: *Everybody has a next step. Check out some ideas below to help you grow by doing.*

- **Pause-** Don't take your choices lightly. Before you decide, pause and ask God to help guide you.
- **Seek wisdom-** Invite trusted voices in your life to speak into your decisions.
- **Read-** Check out David and Rob's new book, *What was I thinking* to get a framework for how to make better decisions and live with less regret. Grab a copy in our retail spaces or online.

Prayer: *Invite God to do what only He can do!*

Heavenly Father, please help us make the most of our opportunities and decisions. May we be found faithful and bless others by not just playing it safe but following Your Spirit's guidance and lead.