



Part 4: “What’s God’s Will”

Big Idea

To ask, “What is God’s will for my life?” is evidence that we know He has a plan and that we recognize that eternity is real. But, when we live outside the ‘boundaries’ of His sovereign will and His moral will, it is difficult to discern God’s desire for our lives. Only when we get to know more about what He is already doing in the world, what He has already said in His word, and become intentional about taking steps to stay on track and in that ‘zone’, can we truly live in the clarity of His personal will for us.

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is...his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

- Romans 12:2

Discussion Questions

- “God, I want what you want, PERIOD!” Why is that such a difficult place to come to? What kinds of things battle against that level of submission to God’s will? How can we effectively deal with those things?
- How can we answer the question, “What would Jesus do?” in a particular situation to which the Bible does not speak directly? What part does the Holy Spirit play in that process?
- Proverbs 11:14 says, “*For lack of guidance a nation falls, but many advisors make victory sure.*” When you need the safety of Godly counsel, to whom do you turn? How did you, or will you, arrive at the decision about who those counselors should be?

Next Steps

- Take an honest look at your own life, and identify areas in which you find it difficult to know God’s will. “*Find a verse.*” Make the investment to “search” for what God has already said about situations like yours. Write down those scriptures, commit them to memory, and apply them to your situation.
- Ask the Holy Spirit these two questions: “What am I doing that I should not be doing?”, and “What am I not doing that I should be doing?” Listen for His answer, and make a decision to obey.

Prayer Focus

Lead your group in a moment of quiet reflection on the current decisions each of them is facing. Ask them to ask God, “Is this Your will, or my will?” Pray for them to have clarity in hearing God’s response, and strength to accept His will.

Leader Tip

Be willing to be transparent with your group about times in which you have had difficulty in knowing God’s will. Share the process that you went through to find clarity in that situation.