

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. How do you determine God's will for your life? Have you ever been wrong?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Acts 16: 1-5
 - a. Who visited Derbe and Lystra?
 - b. What was Timothy's parentage?
 - c. What was Timothy's reputation?
 - d. Why did Paul want to take Timothy on his journey?
 - e. What do you think about Paul's decision making at first glance?
 - f. Does he look indecisive?
 - g. Have you ever felt like Paul?
3. Read Acts 16: 6-10
 - a. Who directed the missionaries away from Asia?
 - b. How did God guide the missionaries on their travels?
 - c. What was Paul's vision?
 - d. How does God speak to you?
 - e. How did the narrator of the story take part in the journey?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-27
 - a. What were Paul's qualifications?
 - b. How did Paul justify his boasting?
 - c. Why did Paul mention his troubles?
 - d. What jumps at you about what Paul experienced?

5. Read Romans 12:1-2
 - a. How did Paul identify others?
 - b. What special calling did Paul feel?
 - c. What should be a living and holy sacrifice?
 - d. What does the word holy mean to you?
 - e. What is Paul really saying in these verses?

Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Pastor Ruben taught that the original Hebrew word for “guidance” means a “management of ropes”. Then he said, “Walking with God is knowing how to work your ropes.” What was the illustration to this point?
- If you don't spend time in God's word, you'll lean more on your feelings than God's voice. How much time on an average week do you spend reading God's word?
- “It is easy to use ‘God's will for my life’ as an excuse for inaction or even disobedience. It's much less demanding to think about God's will for your future than it is to ask Him what He wants you to do in the next ten minutes.” - Francis Chan
- Pastor Ruben said, “Don't assume the first choice is the forever choice.” Compare with this quote from TD Jakes, “If it is not the thing, it will be the thing that leads to the thing.” Paul is not randomly going through options. Paul is being sensitive to the Holy Spirit. God doesn't waste experiences!