

Message Study Guide

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

Warming up

1. How do you make decisions in life?

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. Please read Romans 12:2. What initially jumps out to you, and why?
3. According to Romans 12:2, how do you determine God's will for your life?
4. Have you ever heard people say, "I'll pray...", but you wondered if they really heard God? What's missing?
5. When was the last time you heard God's voice? Describe the situation, and how you knew it was God speaking to you.
6. What do you think about this quote? "When we want to know God's will, there are three things which always concur: the inward impulse, the Word of God and the trend of circumstances. Never act until these three things agree." (F.B. Myer).
7. Do you look to circumstances to determine God's will, more than the Word of God or the inward pulse? Why?
8. Is it possible to know God's will if you don't spend time reading God's word on a daily basis?
9. Is reading God's word essential to knowing God's will for your life? Why or why not?

10. Please read Psalm 37:4. We love the part that says, "God knows the desires of your heart." But, what does it mean to "Delight yourself in the Lord." Why is that listed first? How do you think that makes God feel?

11. What do you think about this quote? "The way of freedom isn't found in grasping for God's omniscience, but in grasping for God's hand." (Bethany Jenkins).

12. According to Romans 12:2, what does it mean to "renew or change the way you think?" Compare this verse to 1 Corinthians 2:16.

13. What do you think about this quote? "The basic purpose of prayer is not to bend God's will to mine, but to mold my will into His." (Timothy Keller)

14. What does Proverbs 3:5-6 mean to you? What do you see in this verse?

15. Are you willing to submit to God's timing, and wait to hear from God, before you make a life trajectory decision? Pray now.

Application

Below are the main points of the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Learning to know God's will, starts with you learning to HEAR GOD'S VOICE.
- Knowing God's will is not an elimination game, it's a transformation...
- You can't know God's will if you haven't surrendered completely to Him.
- 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)