



## **Series Discussion Questions**

### **Series: In Search of God's Will, Pt. 2**

#### **INTRODUCE IT**

The will of God has a lot of different nuances. We're going to open up our Bibles and learn what the phrase 'God's will,' 'His will,' etc. means in the New Testament and we'll learn the #1 best way to discover God's personal will for our lives. We'll also talk about the best way to find it when there's very little time, and we'll address some questions like, 'but what if I've gotten too far off track from God's will for my life?'

One theme that has been addressed in the first two weeks is that God's specific will for us is a canyon and not a tight rope. Too often, we worry that God has designed a plan for our lives that is so specific that any missed step will bring doom on us. But this is not the message we see in scripture. The canyon we walk in is one that has God's Sovereign will on one side and his moral will on the other. As long as we stay between those two areas, we have much freedom in the specific steps we take. Tell about an area of your life where you see this being played out right now.

#### **STUDY IT**

##### **Read Ephesians 5:15-17**

Why do we tend to think that God's will is something difficult to discern? What does God want us to understand here?

##### **Read Isaiah 58:9, 11 and Jeremiah 29:11**

What is God's promise in these verses?

##### **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

This is one of the few passages in the Bible that mention God's will outside of a sovereign or moral context. What are the three things we are encouraged to do in this passage? What do these actions help us achieve?

Both Michael and Mike's messages focused on one major takeaway of what we should do in seeking God's will. Mike stated it as this: "Focus on God and not guidance." Describe a time in your life when you have focused more on guidance in a specific situation. Have you had times when you focused on your relationship with God during a time of questioning? Describe how you sought to deepen your relationship and what happened during that time.

As we try to discern God's specific will for us, what have you heard in these messages that make it easier than it might seem at first glance?

**USE IT**

Now consider a time when you sought direction from God on a specific decision in an area of your life? How might you have made that decision differently if you focused on God and not on guidance?

Which area of your life is the one where you most often want to know God's specific will? Is it financial, vocational, relational or in some other area? How will you seek to know what God wants you to do after hearing this message?

How does being part of a community group help you in discerning God's will? Talk about how being in a community of people seeking to know Jesus Christ influences how we follow Him