

Decision Making and the Will of God  
*Surrender to God's Sovereignty*  
James 4:13-17

1. We must allow God's process to inform our decision-making.
  - a. Let the Word speak
  - b. Let Wisdom speak
  - c. Let the Spirit speak
    - There is great value in planning: Luke 14:38-42
    - There is great danger in planning without God's input: Luke 12:L16-21
  - d. God's general purpose is the same for all of us:
    - Live for his glory
    - Live out the gospel
2. We must surrender our decisions to the sovereignty of God.
  - a. "If the Lord wills":
    - We will live: Psalm 139:16
    - We will accomplish our plans: Proverbs 16:9
  - b. NOTE: **surrender to the will of God isn't just a matter of semantics. "If the Lord wills" is not a mantra; rather, it is a way of life. It is a way of viewing the world and living in it. It forces us to acknowledge God in every decision of life, to submit to his will, and to make His glory the primary pursuit of our lives!**

# Journey Group Questions

1. At times, we are all reluctant to allow God's process to work in decision making. In your own personal life, why do you think this is true?
2. How do you personally allow the Word to speak to you on a daily basis?
3. Under the general purpose God has for us (Live for his glory and Live out the gospel), what are some areas in your life where you do this on a daily basis? Also, what are some areas in which you continue to struggle with this process?
4. There is great value in personal planning. What are some ways you "count the cost" when making decisions? (this is not a difficult question and the answer doesn't have to necessarily be a spiritual process)
5. How would you define God's Sovereignty? How does God's Sovereignty impact your life daily?
6. Reread Psalm 16:9 and meditate on it one day this week. Consider how we plan and God directs. How should this provide some peace and validation in the midst of our own decision making?