

- Read Isaiah 30:20-21 and Proverbs 4:10-27. What does the phrase, “Your ears will hear a word behind you, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ whenever you turn to the right or to the left,” mean? Is this referring to audible voices with specific directions or the voice of wisdom revealed through biblical principles? Why or why not?

- Read Romans 12:2. How does the renewing of one’s mind lead to a knowledge of God’s will? Is this referring to God’s sovereign will or his moral will? Why or why not?

- Read Ephesians 2:10. What works has God created beforehand for us to accomplish? Does this relate to specific, detailed, personal instructions, or is it referring to a general lifestyle of obedience to God’s revealed moral will? Why or why not?

5. What is the primary way you seek the will of God for the specific decisions you make your personal life? Do you search for impressions, signs, open/closed doors, scripture, dreams? Do you seek to let biblical commands and principles guide your decision making? Why or why not?

Taking it Home

Before going over the Growth Group Covenant, jot down some of the reasons you joined a Growth Group. What are you looking forward to the most?

The Basics of Life: Decision Making

“Pursuing the Will of God”



1. God’s sovereign will: God’s _____ plan that determines everything that happens in the universe. Eph. 1:11; Rom. 11:33-36

2. God’s moral will: God’s revealed _____ in the Bible that teach how men ought to believe and live. 1Thess. 4:3; 5:18

3. God’s individual will:

⇒ View one: God’s unique, _____ life-plan designed for each person.

⇒ NOTE: Failure to discover the perfect will of God in every situation leads to a life of _____ promise.

⇒ View two: God’s eternal purpose for every believer, revealed by his Moral will, and discovered through personal _____, practical _____, and providential _____.

⇒ NOTE: Embracing God’s purpose for our lives _____ God’s will for our lives.

Welcome to the Fall Beta Journey Group

Thank you for taking the time to consider becoming a Journey Group Guide! We are praying that the next three weeks will excite you about becoming a J-Group guide and will encourage you spiritually!

Getting to Know You

1. Tell us something about yourself that we might not know otherwise - i.e. high school valedictorian, high school cheerleader, hunter.

2. Thanksgiving is an amazing holiday. Share one of your favorite things about Thanksgiving.

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you.

Digging Deeper

1. What is the best way to describe the sovereignty of God?
 - Read: Daniel 4:35; Proverbs 16:33, 21:1; Revelation 4:11; Ephesians 1:11; Romans 9:19, 11:33-36; Acts 2:23, 4:27-28)
 - Can you discover God's eternal "will of decree? If so, how?

2. What do we mean when we talk about God's moral will for the world?

- Read: Exodus 20:1-18; Romans 2:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 5:18; 2 Corinthians 6:14)
- Can you discover God's revealed moral will? If so, how?

3. What do we mean when we talk about God's individual will for all people?

- Read: Colossians 1:9, 4:12; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 5:17, 6:6; Proverbs 3:5-6; 16:9; Psalm 32:8; Genesis 24).
- Does scripture support the claim that God has a unique, detailed life-plan for every person, which if missed, prohibits us from accomplishing God's purpose for our lives? Why or why not?
- Does scripture support the claim that God has an eternal purpose for every believer, revealed by his Moral will, and discovered through personal obedience, practical wisdom, and providential guidance, and which results in a life fulfills the purpose of God? Why or why not?

4. Let's study some key texts related to this issue:

- Read Psalm 32:8. Does the phrase, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go," refer to specific direction for moment-by-moment decisions or guidance for making wise decisions? Why or why not?
- Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Does the phrase, "He will make your paths straight," refer to specific direction for moment-by-moment decisions or guidance for making wise decisions? Why or why not?