

WHAT SHOULD I BE?

Objective: To challenge us to ask God to shape us be for we ask Him to guide us.

ICEBREAKER

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?

- Did you end up doing that?
- How did your plans change over time?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. “What Do You Want Me To Do?”

The sermon began by observing that many of us spend a great deal of time asking God what He wants us to do.

- Why do you think Christians often focus on discovering God’s plan for specific decisions?
- Have you ever felt paralyzed trying to determine “God’s will” for a particular choice?
- What emotions usually accompany those situations?

2. A Better Question

The sermon suggested that a better question may be:

“God, who do You want me to be?”

- What was your reaction to that statement?
- How is that question different from “What do You want me to do?”
- Why might that question actually be more important?

3. Behavior Modification vs. Spiritual Formation

One of the key ideas was:

“Following Jesus is not primarily about behavioral modification. Following Jesus is about spiritual formation.”

- What is the difference between behavior modification and spiritual formation?
- Why is behavior change alone insufficient?
- How have you seen God work on your character rather than simply your actions?

4. Romans 12 and Transformation

Read Romans 12:1-2 together.

- What words or phrases stand out to you?
- What does it mean to offer yourself as a “living sacrifice”?
- Why do you think transformation comes before discerning God’s will?

5. Becoming the Kind of Person Who Can Discern God’s Will

The sermon stated:

“The will of God is discerned by transformed people, not merely discovered by curious people.”

- What do you think that means?
- How does spiritual maturity help us recognize God’s will?
- Why is transformation essential for discernment?

6. The Character Traits of Romans 12

The sermon highlighted several qualities Paul describes:

- surrendered
- humble
- loving
- patient
- generous
- hospitable
- peaceable



- Which of these qualities is easiest for you?
- Which one is most challenging?
- Why do you think Paul focuses on character before specific actions?

7. Freedom from Fear

One of the sermon's key insights was:

"God's will is not nearly as fragile as we make it."

- What does that statement mean to you?
- How can focusing on who we are becoming free us from fear about making decisions?
- Have you ever worried about "missing God's will"?

8. Your Next Step

Bring it home personally.

- Where are you currently seeking direction from God?
- Is there an area where you need greater surrender before greater direction?
- What kind of person is God forming you into right now?

FINAL THOUGHT

Many of us spend our lives asking God, "What do You want me to do?" But Scripture repeatedly points us toward a deeper question: "Who do You want me to become?"

As God forms us into surrendered, transformed, Christlike people, we become increasingly able to discern His will and faithfully walk wherever He leads.

God's will is not just a path to discover, but a person to become.

THIS WEEK – PRAY A DIFFERENT PRAYER

Each day this week, begin your prayer time with:

"Lord, before You show me what You want me to do, form me into who You want me to be."

1. SURRENDER

Ask God to reveal areas where you are resisting His work.

2. TRANSFORM

Choose one Christlike characteristic from Romans 12 and intentionally focus on it this week.

3. TRUST

Release the fear of "missing" God's will and trust Him to guide your steps.

4. REFLECT

At the end of each day, ask:

- How did God shape my character today?
- What is He teaching me about becoming more like Jesus?

