

Community Notes

<u>Pastor:</u> <u>Series: Gods Will</u> <u>04/ 29-30/ 23</u>

Message Summary:

This was week 1 of a new series, "God's Will". Pastor Kevin gave a message titled "His Will, His Way." In this message we learned there are misconceptions and attitudes that prevent us from knowing God's will. If we want to know God's will, we must be in God's Word.

Group Discussion:

What are some key takeaways from this weekend's message? Why is this so impactful to you?

Read Eph.5:15-17 & Matt. 7:21

- 1. What stood out to you the most in this weekend's message?
- 2. Why was this so impactful to you?

Read Jer. 17:9. Misconception #1 is that God's will is a feeling. This is a mystical impression of God's will. God's will is NOT a feeling. Feelings are unreliable and highly suspect.

3. Discuss a time you mistakenly placed faith in your feelings thinking it was God's will.

Read James 1:5. Misconception #2 is that God's will is a formula. This is a mechanical approach. God's will is NOT a formula.

4. Share with the group formulas you have attempted, or witnessed others attempting, to arrive at God's will. (e.g., A+B+C = God's will).

Read 1 Cor. 1:9. God's will is a fellowship. Not rules, but a relationship. Not a life map, but a lifestyle.

- 5. Are you currently, or have you in the past, found yourself trying to constantly obey rules or seeking to legalistically fulfill certain goals and ideals in your life?
- 6. How is this different from focusing on your relationship with Christ and allowing Him to direct and guide you moment by moment?



Read Luke 2:49-52; John 7:17; Jer. 29:11; and Rom. 8:28. We learned there are certain attitudes that can block God's will.

- 7. <u>Fatalistic Attitude</u> "Whatever will be, will be." Many people adopt this attitude that everything that happens is God's will. They fail to understand that God has given free will to make choices, good or bad. Have you found yourself or others falling into the trap of fatalistic attitudes?
- 8. <u>Fearful Attitude</u> Don't be fearful about God's will. He has given us promise after promise in His word to assure us He loves us and has plans for us. Share a time you have feared God's will for your life?
- 9. <u>Frustrated Attitude</u> God's will is an expression of His love. Many people become frustrated in trying to learn God's will for their life.
- a. Share with the group how you have experienced this.
- b. What do you think leads to this type of frustration?

Read Heb. 11:6; Matt. 6:33; 10-32-33; I Tim. 2:3-4; and 2 Pet. 3:9. We learned that God's will is not instantaneous. God's will is a long-term process.

10. Share with the group how you have experienced God's long-term process of demonstrating His will in your life.

Weekly Reflection:

- 1. Based on how the Spirit has spoken to you this week, what is one action step you want to take this week to align yourself more fully with Scripture?
- 2. How has your time with God, in the Word and in prayer, been this past week?
- 3. What personal spiritual struggle(s) are you facing right now and how will you actively surrender them to God this week? (Marriage, parenting, work, finances, relationships, personal strongholds/sin, etc.)
- 4. What else can we be praying with you about this week?



Upcoming Events

Connect with your Cornerstone Church family.

Volunteer for Small Groups

We are looking for help with the Small Group Kiosk. If you are in a Small Group and are currently not serving, we could use your help and service. For more information reach out to Josh Rhoads at jrhoads@cornerstonechurch.co Thanks for your help.

STEPS Class

Learn more about Cornerstone and your call to ministry! The purpose of this course is to help you understand the heartbeat of Cornerstone. You will learn why Cornerstone exists, our mission, vision, core values, beliefs, structure, membership, and discover your God-given gifts. This course is designed to be completed at your own pace in the comfort of your home, helping us to help you make your next steps toward Jesus. Look out for an email from us to get started!

*NOTE: Please check your Spam or Promotions folder for the email, and if you do not receive the email, please call our office at (386) 532-5100. We will be happy to help!

Go to our website (https://www.Cornerstonedeltona.com), click on "Connect". Choose "Ministries" from the pull-down menu and then scroll down to "Steps" where you can sign up.

Free Breakfast & Grocery Giveaway // Outreach

May 20, 2023, 9:00 - 11:00am

We care about our local community. Join us every third Saturday of the month for free breakfast, groceries, and prayer. Bring a CAR-FULL of your friends & family and let our Oasis Cafe food truck & outreach volunteers serve you breakfast - totally FREE. Free groceries will be provided if requested the Wednesday prior to Outreach event.

Ready, Set Move! // VBS



<u>June 12, 2023, 6:30 - 8:30pm</u>

Get Ready, Set, Move!!! Join us June 12th-16th, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, for a week of Vacation Bible School as we learn to follow Jesus here, there and everywhere! Ages K-5. Let's GO!