

Introduction

(Watch Video)

Open it up to the group to see if anyone has any thoughts they want to share about what was discussed in the video.

Read

(Leader will read this text out loud asking people to listen and see what stands out or speaks to them)

Deuteronomy 28:2–6 (NIV)

² All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:

³ You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

⁴ The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

⁵ Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.

⁶ You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

Ask the group what stood out to them in the text.

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Smart opened up the video saying that seeking and doing the will of God isn't just about finding a better way, this is an issue of obedience. Why is that important?
2. In the video it talked about how some people out of fear of not being in control or not having enough may make decisions contrary to what God wants them to do. Why do you think fear often times leads us away from God's will? What helps you overcome that fear?
3. In the example of Truett Cathy, his decision to close Chick-Fil-A on Sundays looked risky but brought long-term blessing. Can you think of a time when following

God's will in your life, or someone you know, looked risky in the short term but proved right in the long run?

4. Pastor Smart talked about the short term vs. long term perspective. What are some examples of "short-term gains" people might be tempted to choose over God's will?
5. What is an area of your life, or in the life of believers today, where it's hard to surrender to God's will and trust that His blessing will follow?
6. As we wrap up the series, what is one takeaway about finding God's will that you want to carry with you into your daily life?

Closing

As we finish this series, remember that God's will is not meant to be a mystery that keeps us guessing. It's a relationship of daily trust and obedience. Encourage your group to keep seeking Him first in both the big decisions and the everyday choices of life. And remind them: God delights to guide His children, and there is no safer, fuller, or more blessed place to be than right in the center of His will.

