

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)

Romans 12:1–2 (NIV)

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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

Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time when you made a big decision without consulting God. What happened, and what do you wish you had done differently?
2. Why do you think it’s easier to pray after making a decision rather than before?
3. Romans 12:2 says God’s will is “good, pleasing, and perfect.” How should believing that change the way we approach decisions?
4. The couple in our story ignored some red flags. What are some examples of red flags we might overlook when emotions or desires are strong?

5. What are some practical ways we can recognize when our emotions are drowning out God's voice?
6. Proverbs 14:12 says there's a way that "appears to be right" but leads to death. How can we discern between what appears to be good and what is God's will?

Closing

As we work through the week think about some of the larger decisions you are making in your life right now and consider how your desires and emotions may be trying to lead you away from the will of God.