



COMMUNITY Groups

September 10, 2023 – Sermon Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER

1. Do highs and lows from the last week!
2. Name a time in your life when you needed to do something but didn't have all the information you needed to do the task? Was it frustrating? Why?
3. Do you ever feel like God hasn't given you what you need to do life the way he calls you to do it?

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

1. Review the message –
 - a. Following God's will for your life is frustrating because we have so many choices, choices make people unhappy, we crave certainty.
 - b. "Why is following God's will so hard?" is the wrong question to ask
 - c. Following Jesus means surrendering to his will before I know what it is
 - d. God's will is that I would become like Jesus
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-4
 - a. Set aside for a moment the command about sexual immorality. What does it mean that God's will is for us to be sanctified (Holy)?
 - b. While the command here is to avoid sexual immorality it illustrates a larger principle. To be holy, in control of your desires, and to be honorable. In short we have a broad principle that leads to a specific command that impacts our day to day life. When you think about God's will for your life do you tend to think of broad principles, or specific things he wants you to do day to day? Why?
 - c. Is knowing God will for you is to be holy encouraging or discouraging to you? Why?
3. Read Romans 12:1-2
 - a. Paul's call to offer our whole bodies as a living sacrifice is a call to give our whole lives over to Jesus' will. As we go throughout this series we'll talk more about what that means specifically but right now take 30 seconds to think and answer the question... am I fully surrendered to God's will? In what area of my life am I not surrendering? Discuss as a group afterwards.
 - b. Imagine for a moment what your life would look like if you were fully surrendered to God's will. What would be different in your internal (mental) world, and what would be different in your external world?

CLOSING

1. Have people in the group share where they struggle submitting to God's will and have the person to the left or right pray for that person. Do this in a circle until everyone has been prayed for.
2. Pray