

September 17, 2023 – Sermon Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER

- 1. Do highs and lows from the last week!
- 2. Name a time in life where you did something and you failed but you still learned something from that failure.

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

- 1. Review the message
 - a. God's will is more about the type of person you are becoming and less about the things you will do
 - b. I am always free to focus on who I am becoming
 - c. I am always free to NOT focus on who others are becoming
 - d. When faced with a choice ask yourself, how does this decision impact who I am becoming?
- 2. Read Romans 12:1-2
 - a. What do you think Paul is referring to when he says "living sacrifices?" What do you think he's asking people to actually do?
 - b. Paul says that offering our bodies as "living sacrifices" is actually our true and proper worship. How is offering our whole lives to God the same thing as worship?
 - c. The word "be transformed" doesn't mean that there is an arrival, it implies an ongoing process that never really ends. Is thinking of life transformation this way frustrating to you? Why or why not?
 - d. When you think about the person you are becoming what type of emotions come to mind? Shame, embarrassment, pride, gladness, hope, etc.? What is God saying to you in that?
 - e. When you think of God's will for your life do you think of it more as something you arrive at, or is it a process you go through?
 - f. Is it easier for you to focus more on who others are becoming or yourself? Why or why not?
 - g. God's will for you is to make a decision. What decision do you need to make to become more like Jesus?
- 3. Read Romans 12:3-8 (if time)
 - a. Another way to know God's will is to see how he's gifted you with abilities, talents, etc. When you consider the things God has put in you does that change how you answer the last question?

CLOSING

- 1. Is there anything in your life right now that you wish God would give you a clearer answer on? Share that and take time to pray together as a group for those things.
- 2. Pray