



# COMMUNITY Groups

## September 29, 2023 – Sermon Discussion Questions

### ICEBREAKER

1. Do highs and lows from the last week!
2. Name a time when you persistently asked for something you ended up getting. Why were you so persistent about that thing?

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1. Review the message –
  - a. God's will is more about discernment than divination
  - b. Discernment is the ability to make wise choices
  - c. A way to discern God's will is to simply ask for it and to make the choice that brings Jesus' kingdom
2. Read James 1:5 and then read James 1:1-8
  - a. How do the verses surrounding verse 5 in this chapter clarify the meaning of that verse?
  - b. The Bible says that when you face trials God wants to give you wisdom. This coming question may seem like a simple question, or that there is an answer you're supposed to give... but really think about it. Do you think about God as someone who is ready to give you wisdom? Why or why not?
  - c. Can you name a time in life when you asked God for wisdom and he gave it to you? How did he give it to you?
  - d. James says when you ask God for wisdom to not doubt. Within the specific context of asking for wisdom doubt is like a poison. Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
3. Read Matthew 6:9-10
  - a. God's will is for his kingdom to come here on earth. From either the message or your own personal study how would you define God's kingdom?
  - b. How specifically does God's kingdom come to earth?
  - c. Maybe think through some past or upcoming decisions. What would it look like for those past decisions or future decisions to be made with God's kingdom in mind? How do those choices specifically bring God's kingdom?
  - d. What prevents us from choosing God's kingdom when trying to make the "kingdom-minded" choice?

### CLOSING

1. As you just named the things that get in the way of kingdom-minded decision making name one action step you can take to overcome those obstacles this week. Pray for each other based on those answers or take prayer requests.
2. Pray