PALMYRA GRACE CHURCH



Grace Group Discussion Guide

Sermon Title: Your Will Be Done | 1 John 5:14–17 **Date:** 11/15/2026

1 Connect

Not tied to the text — gets everyone talking early.

- What's one thing from your week that is worth celebrating or caused difficulty in your life?
- As a kid, what's something you asked for over and over — from your parents or from God? Did you ever get it?

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2 Recap

Anchors everyone in the text — no prior training needed to answer.

> *14 This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him. 16 If anyone sees a fellow believer committing a sin that doesn't lead to death, he should ask, and God will give life to him — to those who commit sin that doesn't lead to death. There is sin that leads to death. I am not saying he should pray about that. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin that doesn't lead to death. (1 John 5:14–17, CSB)*

- What stood out to you from Sunday's message or this passage?
- In verses 14–15, how does John describe the way we can approach God? What condition does he attach to our asking?
- In verses 16–17, who are we told to pray for, and what does John say God will do in response?
- Sunday's message listed many things Scripture tells us to pray about — our enemies, leaders, wisdom, daily needs, confession, even lament. Which come naturally to you, and which rarely make it into your prayers?

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3 Discovery

Digging into what the text means — okay if only a few voices carry it.

- John says we can be confident God hears us "if we ask anything according to his will." Does that phrase make prayer feel more confident to you, or less? Why?
- Much of 1 John warns about false teachers who denied Jesus came in the flesh and then left the church (2:19; 4:1–3). How might that background help us understand the "sin that leads to death" in verse 16?
- How do we hold this passage together with Jesus' parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1–8), where he tells us to pray always and not give up?

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4 Application

The funnel narrows into life application and vulnerability.

- Think of something you've prayed for over and over. What would it look like to honestly pray "your will be done" over it — not as giving up, but as trusting God?
- When you see a fellow believer caught in sin, is your first instinct to judge or to pray? Who's one person you could lift up to God this week instead?
- Think of someone you know so well you can tell what they're thinking before they say it. What's one step toward knowing God that way?

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5 Prayer / Response

Occasional action step — not required every week.

- How can we pray for you this week? As we pray for each other, try adding "your will be done" to your requests.
- Close by praying the Lord's Prayer together (Matthew 6:9–13).
- This week, choose one long-standing prayer to surrender with "your will be done," and pray by name for one believer you've been tempted to judge.
