

Social time – meet and greet each other

Video – watch Mark's short video to get everyone in tune with the core teaching for the week

Memory verse – can everyone recite the core (memory) verse this week? (1 Cor.2:16)

Starter questions – pick one or two

- 1. What stood out to you as you read about God's will in this lesson?
- 2. Have you ever felt totally confused as to what God wanted for your life? What did you do?
- 3. What are some common practices or principles you've heard for figuring out God's will?

Key Passages to Help Us Understand the Core

- 1. Acts 17-18 How many times do you notice Paul trying to determine or surrender to God's will? How do you feel knowing that one of the great champions of faith wrestled with this?
- 2. Isa.6:9-10; John 7:17; Col.1:9. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you as you meditated on these verses this week? Did God challenge you through any of them?

Group Discussion – don't try to do them all Pick the ones best suited to your group

- Can you share a time when you were pretty clear what God was directing you to do?
- 2. What have been the best resources for you to discern God's will?
- 3. The author wrote (pp.294), "... the more we obey God's Word, the more we'll understand His will. Conversely, the more we know God's Word and fail to obey, the quicker we'll go spiritually blind and deaf." Have you experienced this in your own life?
- 4. How would you rate your biblical literacy on a scale of 1-10? What would be the best next steps to extract life-principles from your bible reading? Why is this important?
- 5. What does Rom.12:1-2 tell you about how to discern God's will?

Application for the Week

- 1. The Day 5 challenge (pp.296) is to pray Col.1:9 for yourself. Did you try it? What was your experience?
- 2. **PRAY** ask God to help everyone in the group live out this lesson in their life

Notes: Other Scriptures that tell us what God's will is:

- 2 Pet.3:9 his will is that no one should perish.
- 1 Thess.5:16-18 his will is for us to always rejoice, pray without ceasing, and to give thanks in all circumstances.
- 1 Pet.2:15 his will is that we will silent the ignorance of foolish people by doing good.
- 1 Pet.3:17 his will is that it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Chapter 43 Knowing God's Will