Life Team Notes

**Road Map week or 5/7 - Knowing God’s Will**

**Hang**

* Can you think of a time when you thought you had a good idea of what God’s will was for your life (or someone else’s life), only to discover later that he had something very different in mind?
* Since God is all-knowing and all-loving, you would think we would choose to follow his will all the time but we don’t. What are some reasons so many people do this?
* Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

**Hear**

Figuring out God’s will for our lives involves continually checking three major components:

1. The Bible
2. wise godly counsel of others, and
3. inner promptings of the Holy Spirit

Below are some verses that shed additional light on each of these components. What do you learn from these passages about the role each of these elements plays in helping us determine God’s will?

**The Bible**

Psalm 119: 9-11, 59-61, 97-100, 105, 165, Psalm 25:4-5, Psalm 119:104-106

**Wise Counsel:**

Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 13:10, Proverbs 15:22, Psalm 1:1-6, Provers 3:1-8

**Holy Spirit Prompting**

James 1:5, Psalm 139:24, Acts 20:22-23, John 16:12-14,

* Can you think of an example of a specific time in your life when each of these elements has helped you to discern God’s will?
* What would you say or do if a friend continued to maintain that God was leading him down a path that you thought was contrary to Scripture and your wise counsel?

Many of the books in the New Testament were letters Paul wrote to churches that he had started. In these letters, he included a number of his prayers for the church and its members. From these prayers, we can get great insight into what God’s will and desire is for our lives. As you read each passage, jot down what stands out to you most about what Paul prays for and how he wants us to live.

Ephesians 1:15-23, Philippians 1:9-11, 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

* Which of the things Paul prayed for would you most like others to pray for you to have or experience?

**Huddle**

Matthew 6:9-10

* How are we to pray concerning God’s will in our life?

Prayer Requests

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