



Part 1: The Big Picture

In seeking to discern God's will, there are three factors of which we need to be aware. The more we understand how they work together, the easier it will be to understand God's will. Trying to discover God's will without an understanding of these factors is like trying to drive at night with no lights.

Bottom Line: Surrender to the known will of God that paves the way to discovering the unknown will of God.

Discussion Questions:

1. Sometimes words don't need to be said in order for us to know what someone is thinking or feeling. Describe a situation when this happened to you (as a child or with a spouse). How were you able to discern what the person wanted or felt without them saying anything?
2. Aside from God, what other sources do people consider when making important life decisions?
3. **Read Hebrews 11:6.** When making significant life decisions, many of us seek to determine God's will for our lives. How important does a decision have to be for you to seek God's will? What are some ways we can seek God's will for us?
4. **Read 2 Chronicles 16:9.** How can trying to be a part of God's daily plan help us understand the big picture of God's plan?
5. **Read Psalm 119:60 & 145.** Describe a time when you felt God working through you. How did you know he was calling you to this task? What was your response?
6. Name at least one way your life might reflect the fulfillment of God's will for your life.
7. What steps can you take now to begin obeying the will of God in **every** aspect of your life?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group pray for or encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.