

God just *tell me*



WEEK 1



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four crucial components for a group to maintain its health: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, you will study the biblical passage in three steps: observation, interpretation, and application. As the group leader, you are free to use any part of this guide that can assist you in achieving this goal.

CONNECT

- What's your favorite book or movie? Why?
- Were you more of a rule-follower or rule-breaker as a kid? Give an example.

INTRODUCTION

The number one most common question pastors get is “what is God’s will for my life?” This week, we learned that God’s will is good news, and examined the types of God’s will: his sovereign will over all creation, his moral will, and his personal will for each of our lives. Our response to each of these is to trust God’s sovereign will, obey his moral will, and then walk out his personal will in our lives.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Ephesians 1:3-13

Discuss:

- Try to restate the big ideas of this passage in your own words.
- What do these verses tell you about God's big-picture sovereign will?
- How is God's sovereign will good news in this passage? How does that help you trust him?

Read: 1 Thess 4:3-8

Discuss:

- What is God's moral will for us as outlined in this passage?
- In what way is God "disregarded" by people's sin?

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Ephesians 2:10

Discuss:

- What is God's role in this verse, and what is ours?



APPLICATION

- When you think about God's sovereign will for the world, are you filled with trust, apprehension, or something else? How does this discussion help shape that response?
- Are there areas of God's moral will that don't seem like good news to you, or that you are resistant to? Why might those actually be good news?
- What good works has God put in front of you to walk in right now?

PRAYER

- Praise God for his good sovereign will for the whole world.
- Ask for grace to align your will to his and to see the good works that he has prepared for you to walk in.

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