

God just *tell me*



WEEK 2

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

- Were you able to do something to enjoy the warm weather last week?
- Have you seen any friends or family try to figure out the will of God (or the gods) in strange or unusual ways? What was their goal?
- What kinds of decisions in life tend to make you the most anxious?

INTRODUCTION

Last week we learned what the Bible means by “God’s will,” that God has a sovereign will (his ultimate plan for creation), a moral will (his desires and prescriptions for humanity), and a personal will (his desires and plans for your life). This week we’ll look at what it means to seek his will and live it out.

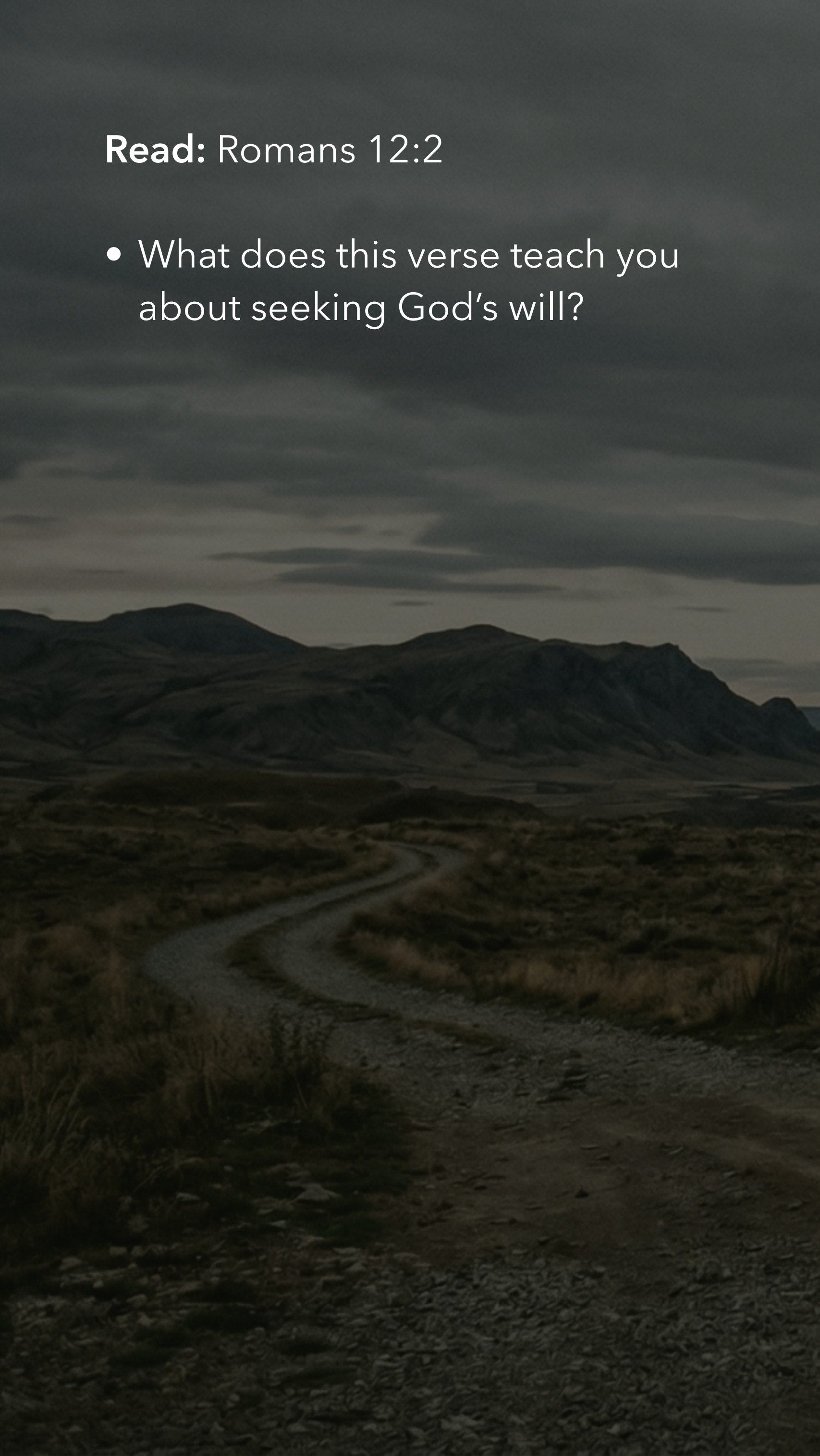
OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Matthew 6:31–34

- Jesus tells the disciples not to seek “these things” that the Gentiles seek. What does he mean by “these things,” and what does it look like for a person to seek them?
- The phrase “the kingdom of God and his righteousness” can only be understood by looking at the rest of the sermon on the mount. Glance back over the sermon on the mount, which starts in chapter five. Take a crack at explaining the kingdom of God and his righteousness in 2–3 sentences.

Read: Romans 12:2

- What does this verse teach you about seeking God's will?



APPLICATION

- In Sunday's sermon, we identified a few things that are essential in seeking God's kingdom—scripture (with a special focus on Jesus), spiritual family, and the Holy Spirit. Which of these elements are strong for you right now, and which are weak? How can you grow in that area?
- Are you anxious about anything in life right now? How do Jesus's words about anxiety lead you to respond?
- The truth is that we will seek after what we love, so only a love for Jesus can empower a life of seeking God's will. What is it about Jesus that stirs up your heart's affections?

PRAYER

- Spend time glorifying the beauty, righteousness, and love of Christ.
- Repent for anxiety and confess the love of the Father over your lives.
- Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and clarity for pivotal choices.

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