



## KNOWING & FOLLOWING GOD'S WILL

### 1. Being in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Will is not always what you would expect. **1 Cor. 16:5-9**

God's plan may include:

- ✓ Uncertainty
- ✓ Powerful \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Power Struggles
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. HOW TO FOLLOW GOD'S WILL WHEN YOU ARE \_\_\_\_\_:

1. Focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ **Proverbs 19:2-3**
2. Pray about it. **James 1:5**
3. Seek wise counsel **Proverbs 20:18/Proverbs 19:20**
4. Do what seems \_\_\_\_\_. **Acts 16:6-10)**  
"God's will is often revealed in the moment rather than down the road."
5. Be willing to \_\_\_\_\_. **James 4:13-15**
6. Be patient and live \_\_\_\_\_. **1 Cor. 16:13-14**

### 3. THE TRUTH ABOUT God's Will and \_\_\_\_\_

- A. An open door doesn't mean smooth sailing.  
**1 Corinthians 16:8-9 / Exodus 4:21 / Judges 1:19**
- B. God's hand is best seen in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. If we do the right thing – we'll always end up in the right \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Acts 16:22-39 / Acts 23:10-33 / 2 Timothy 4:16-18**

# Connection Group Questions

Further Study on the Sermon from September 18, 2022

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1. Pastor Lucas noted that God's hand is often most clearly seen in the "rearview mirror." Have you ever had a situation where you had no idea if God was leading, only to look back later and realize He clearly was? How about something you were sure He was leading you to do, only to find out later He wasn't?
2. Looking back over your sermon notes, was there a particular point or passage of Scripture that most challenged, confused or caught your attention?
3. This week we were given five things to consider when trying to determine the difference between an "open and closed door." How might each of the following passages impact your decision about whether God is opening or closing a door?  
**Colossians 3:17** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.  
**1 Thessalonians 4:11-12** Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, [12] so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody. [NIV]  
**2 Peter 1:5-8**
4. As we heard this weekend, life can become quite messy even when we're in the center of God's will. How might an understanding of the following verses build our confidence even in the midst of life's storms.  
**Psalms 33:6-11 / 2 Corinthians 4:16-17**
5. Most of us would like to be considered wise and insightful when it comes to our decision making. What do the following verses suggest it takes to grow in wisdom and to become effective in making good decisions?  
**Proverbs 3:7** Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. [NIV]  
**Proverbs 13:20** He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm. [NIV]  
**Proverbs 16:1** To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the reply of the tongue. [NIV]  
**Proverbs 19:20** Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise. [NIV]