

Conversation Starters

- How do you approach decision making in your work, home, etc.?
- What does your strategy look like?

Discuss

Discovering God's will for your life is important to your relationship with God and living on purpose. There are several aspects of God's will to consider, but most of God's will for us is moral, which provides instruction for how we should live. His moral will is primarily found through the Bible and the life and teaching of Jesus.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:2 NLT)

- Do you ever consider God's will for your life?
- Have you ever wrestled with His will in certain situations or decisions?
- Have you ever just waited for some "big sign" or "text message" from God?

We often get stuck trying to discern God's will in the rest of life (i.e. making a decision about a job or relationships, etc.) when we attempt to decide at face value rather than thinking deeply and bringing the decision back to morality. There are very few decisions that do not have a moral component to it. Beyond that, we are given a lot of freedom; but we cannot forget about God's moral will.

- Have you ever considered God's moral will in your decision making?
- Can you think of many big decisions that do not have a moral component?
- Do you have any big decisions that you are trying to make now?

God's moral will can be hard to discern without some important considerations. It should all start with going to the Bible and then going with what it has to say, along with prayer. It would also be wise to consider circumstances of your life and obtain counsel from someone who is objective and wise.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT)

- How often do you read the Bible?
- Do you have a regular time of prayer?
- Do you ever seek counsel when making big decisions?

Next Steps

God want you to know His will for you more than you do. You will miss out on so much of life if you never consider it or seek it. Will you commit to spend 5 minutes a day praying and seeking God's will for your life?

Also, consider these opportunities:

Spiritual Gifts Test

Link: www.mecklenburg.org/serve

Missions 2.0

When: Each week at Meck

Location: Charlotte and Around the World

Registration: www.mecklenburg.org/missions

Further Reflection

Read Colossians 1:9; Ephesians 6:6; Psalm 32:8; Isaiah 49:8,10; Psalm 46:10; 130:6; Proverbs 1:23-24; Acts 16:6-8; Proverbs 12:15; 15:22; 19:20; 20:18.

Pray

God, thank you for your instruction and guidance that you give us for how to live. Thank you for your Word and Jesus and the life he lived. Forgive us for not always living as we should or taking your will into consideration with everything in life. Help us make wise decisions and to take the time we need in seeking your will.