

## **Making application of the message to life:**

- 5) What are considerations you would use to understand God's will for where, when and how you would work? How would you help someone else who is asking the questions?
- 6) How could someone use the phrase "God's will" for personal (or selfish) purposes?
- 7) How much do you suppose emotions enter into the equation for "determining God's will" for many people? How would you disciple someone to be cautious about determining God's will in specific situations?

## ***Choosing God's Will***

### ***Ephesians 1:11***

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#### **What is God's will?**

**Rom. 12:1-2**

#### **1) Is God's will the dot on a bull's eye? Eph. 1:11**

- God's sovereign will is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Eph. 1:11; Acts 4:27-28
  
- God's holy will includes \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Thes. 5:18; 1 Pet. 3:15
  
- God's individual will is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Eph. 5:15-18
  
- Let's compare these:
  
- The individual will is \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Cor. 14:40
  - He knows the outcome of decisions Matt. 11:21-22.
  - We've seen it in experience
  - Biblical teaching John 8:42; 5:36; Acts 13:1-2
  
- How do you determine His will?

## **Message Based Discussion Questions**

- The **traditional view** Col. 3:15
  - Road signs – \_\_\_\_\_
  - Results – \_\_\_\_\_
  - Prayer – \_\_\_\_\_
  - Communion with the Lord – \_\_\_\_\_

### **2) You can determine God's Holy Will 2 Tim. 3:16-17**

- 1 Cor. 14:40
- John 10:27
- 1 Tim. 4:1-4

### ***God's will can be known from Scripture or walking in holiness!***

- You determine if you will depend on Him.
- You determine if you will trust Him in your decisions.
- You determine if you are honoring Him by your life.

- 1) When was the first time you “wondered” what God’s will was? What did you do to try and determine what you’d have to do to obey His will?

#### **Digging Deeper:**

- 2) Is God sovereign over all the universe? \_\_\_\_\_ If God is the sovereign ruler over the universe, then why would He not also ensure His people understand what a specific plan would be (Acts 2:23; 4:27-28)?
- 3) Does God have a will for marriage? \_\_\_\_\_ What Scriptures would you use to guide living in a marriage relationship? What Scriptures would you use to determine who to marry? What do your answers tell you about God’s will for marriage?
- 4) Does God have a will for raising children? \_\_\_\_\_ What are ten Scriptures you would use to understand how to raise children? What Scriptures would you use to determine how many children to have? What do your answers tell you about God’s will for having a family?