

Group Agenda – November 24, 2007

Lesson: "How to Know God's Will"

Passage: Various – See Below

Background

Milton is speaking this week about "***How to Know God's Will.***" There are a number of ways the Bible says God can speak into someone's life: through Scripture, during prayer, from other believers, in life circumstances, etc.

God always has a general will for all men – believe in Jesus, love one another, obey his commands, give thanks in all things. At least sometimes, he has a very specific will for people, and calls them to special roles and positions of service and influence (e.g. Abraham, Moses, Joseph, David, Jesus, Paul). Sometimes, I can get so caught up in seeking the **SPECIFIC** will God has for my life, that I can forget to just keep plugging away at the things I know God **ALWAYS** wants for **EVERY** person!

IceBreaker

Do you believe God has a specific will for you (like he did for Moses, David, or Paul), or does he just generally want you to have faith in Christ, love others, and put in a good word for Jesus?

Read & Discuss

- Read the following scriptures, and discuss one-by-one how each addresses the idea of how one can find God's will for his life:
 1. Philippians 4:6
 2. Matthew 6:10
 3. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 4. Acts 13:2-3
 5. Psalms 1:1
 6. Proverbs 12:15
 7. Proverbs 11:14

- What role do "life circumstances" play in discerning God's will for one's life? Give examples of life circumstances that steered you toward God in a certain way.

- What is the role of wisdom in discerning God's will? Can we come up with any parts of God's will by thinking things through logically and applying truth principles that we have learned about God, ourselves, and the world around us?

<Read 1 Peter 2:20-21>

- How does the question "What would Jesus do?" help Jesus' disciples make the right choices in tough situations?
- Is there ever a situation in which WWJD is not applicable, and might lead us to make a poor decision about God's will for us? Give examples.

Apply

- Ecclesiastes 9:10 advises us to do "Whatever our hands find to do, with all our might..." What has God laid right at your feet to do for him that has become hard to ignore?
- Someone once said, "*If you are not sure what God wants you to do right now, back up to the last thing he **DID** clearly tell you to do, and keep doing that until he gives you some new directions.*" What is the last thing God **clearly** called you to do, and are you still focused on doing it? Why or why not?
- Sometimes we avoid God's clear call for us because we don't like the sound of it much (think Jonah), and then we wonder why God isn't speaking clearly to us any more. Is there anything in your past you may have been called to by the Lord, but ignored it? Is God still waiting for you to do it before he calls you further down your journey?

Pray

- Read Luke 17:11-19. Pray and give thanks for all the great things you have been blessed with by knowing Jesus!
- Ask God to clearly reveal his will for your personal "Next Step," for your group, and for Amarillo South as a church.