

# **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**

## **Week 1: The week of September 12**

### **ICE BREAKER**

Ice Breaker 1: If you could only listen to one album for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Ice Breaker 2: What is the worst food you've ever eaten?

### **REVIEW**

Thinking back from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

As we try to discern God's will for us, what did you hear from Sunday's message that helped you understand God's will a little better?

### **CONNECTING**

What are some common misconceptions a Christian might have regarding the will of God?

Why does God not want us to use astrology, fortune-telling, consulting a medium, or the like to know what you must do?

On Sunday, Pastor Adam noted two problems in understanding the will of God: 1) Just Because Someone Has Peace in a decision doesn't necessarily mean they are living in the Will of God. 2) We should not make a habit of laying out fleeces before God. Can you think of a time when you used one of these methods to find God's will?

How did it affect the outcome of the decision?

Why do we tend to think that God's will is something difficult to discern?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

We learned from the message that there are already four ways God has revealed His will to us: God has a sovereign will (Read Job 14:5), a moral will (Read Ephesians 5:17-33), a conditional will (Read Matthew 11:28-29; Philippians 4:6-7), and a paternal will (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:3-4).

From these verses, what are some things we can clearly see God wills for our life?

What does it mean that God has a conditional will for our lives? Can you give an example of a condition God places on His will?

Read Romans 12:1-2. The Apostle Paul understood that God's will is that we present our bodies as complete sacrifices to God. Sometimes it's difficult to find God's will because our lifestyle doesn't match up with the previous verses. What behaviors need to change in order to hear from God?

How would you describe what a living sacrifice looks like for a Christian?

Are there any situations you can think of where you made a wrong decision because you weren't obeying Romans 12:1-2?

### **TAKING IT HOME**

Which point from this weekend's message or Small Group study is most important for you to remember?

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Back to Church Sunday—Sunday, September 19

### Membership Class—Sunday, September 19

After the 10:30AM service. Lunch and childcare are provided. Sign up at Guest Services or online at [deserthills.church/membership](http://deserthills.church/membership)

### Blood Drive—Monday, September 20

Sign up at [donors.vitalant.org](http://donors.vitalant.org)

### Starting Point Class—September 26

At 9AM in the Activity Center. Light breakfast and childcare provided. Sign up online at [deserthills.church/starting-point](http://deserthills.church/starting-point)

### Ladies Retreat—October 15-16

Sign up in the lobby on Sunday's

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