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## WEEK 12

# WHAT IS GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE?

### OBJECTIVE

This week, we'll learn the will God has for our lives. Simple, right?! Maybe not. But we can take all that we have learned so far and see how God is leading, guiding and giving us answers when we submit and surrender to His Will.

### CHECKLIST

- Pray over each group member by name.
- Send out mid-week text to check-in with Small Group members.
- Identify and invite those in your group who can lead a FOUNDATIONS group next Small Group semester to sign up for Small Group Leader Training.
- Invite group members to bring any questions from last week's topic.
- Remind group members of upcoming Next Steps opportunities (Baptism, Connect, etc.).

### SMALL GROUP

#### SOCIAL: 10 MINUTES

Welcome the group and create connections for group members to one another.

#### ICEBREAKER: 5 MINUTES

"What was the latest fork-in-the-road decision you ran into?"

#### STORY: 3 MINUTES

At least a few days in advance, ask one person from the group to share their story of what their life was like before Jesus and when they made the decision to follow Jesus. (Be sure to hold them to a 3-minute limit!)

#### INTRODUCTION: 5 MINUTES

Remind attendees of the purpose of this group and the importance of their (and your) commitment to it. Celebrating any milestones or next steps of individuals in the group.

Allow participants to share their thoughts on the previous week's devotional and encourage them to ask any questions they had written down regarding last week's topic.

"How did you see God move through you this week through your devotions?"

"What questions did you write down?"

"Did you share your story with anyone in your world?"

#### VIDEO: 15 MINUTES

Set up and prepare for this week's video teaching.

"This is it, our last week of FOUNDATIONS, and we are ending with a big question for all of us: what is God's will for my life? When we know this answer, it will help set us free to live a life more devoted to Him. Let's lean in and watch."

#### READ: 2 MINUTES

Open your Bibles together and read through this week's passage. Be sure that everyone is able to find the book, chapter and verses and encourage group members to take turns reading.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

#### DISCUSSION: 30 MINUTES

Lead the group through the reflection questions, encouraging them to even ask their own questions. (This is not the time for the leader to talk, but for participants to engage with each other. Rule of thumb: you talk 30% of the time, they talk 70% of the time.) Be sure that no one or two people dominate the conversation, but you're facilitating and directing the participation of everyone.

#### QUESTION 1

Share an example of a time with you trusted God in the "not knowing."

## QUESTION 2

Sanctification is the process of becoming holy. It is a process, meaning it doesn't take place over night. But it is unquestionably the will of God that you PROGRESS in this PROCESS. Put simply, if something doesn't lead to you becoming more holy, it is NOT the will of God for your life.

Have you seen your life decisions in the past 12 weeks become more holy?

## QUESTION 3

Foundations are not just meant to be maintained but to be built upon. What do you plan to keep doing so that you can build upon these past 12 weeks.

## QUESTION 4

Which topic in our FOUNDATIONS study stretched and challenged you most? Why?

## NEXT STEPS: 5 MINUTES

Recap and celebrate the milestones the people of your group experiences throughout the semester.

- Small Group Leader Training: If you are someone that would like to learn more about leading a FOUNDATIONS group like this one next semester, let your leader know and they can give you the information to attend our next Small Group Leader Training.
- Encourage everyone in your group to keep up the spiritual rhythms they've been putting into place these past 12 weeks.

## PRAYER: 15 MINUTES

Split into groups of two and pray.

Prayer Focus: Read 2 Peter 1:3-8

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray over which attribute you would like to increase in your life, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection or love.