

Growth Group Discussion Questions

Series: “Mind Games”

“God’s Will: It’s Much Simpler Than We Think”

Week of November 14th, 2021

Message Summary: Mind Games is a series of messages showing us how significant our thinking is in determining our current and future behavior. It shows us how essential transformation of our thinking is, if we are to truly follow Jesus. It will take a new way of thinking to go where He wants us to go, so we can serve Him and love the people He died for and rose again.

This past Sunday we talked about God’s will for our lives. Or in other words, our God-given purpose. God did not make a mistake when he made you. You were created perfectly in the image of Jesus. Jesus made you on purpose, and because of this you were made for a very specific purpose. Our world needs people like you in it, you are important, you are valuable, and you have God-given potential to create change in the midst of chaos, to spread hope to the hurting, and to show others the love, and the power of Jesus. This is who he made you to be.

If we want to achieve God’s will in our lives, we first have to focus on who we are. When it comes to the will of God, God cares more about who you are rather than what you’re going to do. Secondly, we need to focus on why before what. Why do we do what we do? We find our God-given purpose when we choose to become the right who. God will then lead us to the right what, when we are driven by the right why.

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. What impacted you the most from the message on Sunday? Why?
2. “Reflection gives us the opportunity to see our lives more clearly, and gives us tools to prepare for what is ahead.” As you reflect back on this past year, what are you most thankful for?

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1. In 1 Thessalonians 4:3 Paul is talking, and he tells us that God will for us is to be holy. The first part of this verse simply says, “God’s will for you is to be holy (to be set apart).” Why does who we are affect our ability to achieve God’s will?

2. The second step to purpose, and God's will is understanding our motives. Knowing why we do what we do can be intrinsically beneficial because it reveals what we really think and feel. Why do you think you have lived through what you have lived through, fought through what you have fought through, and overcome what you have overcome?
3. Last weekend we also discussed roadblocks that appear on our pathway to purpose. A roadblock is anything in our lives that is more important than God. For Solomon, his relationships lead to his downfall. Are there any roadblocks standing in the way on your pathway to purpose? If so, how would a person remove that roadblock?
4. Reflect on Proverbs 3:5-6 and Romans 12:1-2. What do these verses reveal to us concerning God's will for our lives?
5. In each season of life we are in, God can give us different purposes. In the current season of life that you are in, what do you think God is calling you to do? Who is He calling you to be? What needs to change in your life in order to make this a reality?