

Opening the Map

Discovering God's Will Series

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INTRODUCTION

The Bible is one of the primary ways in which God communicates His will and desire for our lives. However, the reality is, so few Bible-believing Christians actually take the time and effort to read God's Word on a regular basis. Statistics show that even with all the access we have to Scripture, through advancements in technology that biblical readership and engagement are at an all-time low. However, if we say that we really want to know and discern God's will, then we need to spend time and energy immersing ourselves in what He's said to us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. According to research from the Barna Group, 53% of adults say that they read the Bible at least three to four times a year. What are some of your thoughts regarding this statistic?
2. Please share of time when God's Word helped direct and guide you in making a big decision in your life. What was the outcome? What were some of the lessons that you learned?
3. Read Psalm 119:24, 105 and Psalm 1:1-2. What was David's attitude towards God's Word? What do these verses communicate about how much he valued Scripture?
4. Read Isaiah 55:8-9. It says here that God's thoughts and ways are vastly different than ours. Does this bring comfort or concern to you? Why?
5. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. What is the Apostle Paul saying in these verses? Who was he writing to? Why are these verses so important for us?
6. We heard in the message today that we need to stop reading the Bible for promises and start looking for principles. We also learned that we need to read God's Word regularly in order to know His thoughts and His ways. Share some of the principles you've learned through God's Word. How have they helped you in discerning God's will for your life?

SUMMARY OF THE SERIES

*Understanding the PROVIDENTIAL will of God,
and obeying the MORAL will of God,
will help you discover the PERSONAL will of God.*

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. – Romans 12:1