

Knowing God's Will

Romans 12:2

10-23-16

1. Pastor Jim identified four different aspects of God's will. Review the following aspects, read the verse(s) accompanying each aspect and discuss the question below:
 - (1.) God's will of decree. These are the things God decrees or has ordained to pass. (See Rev. 4:11; Eph. 1:5).
 - (2.) God's will of demand. These are the moral demands God has revealed to us through His Word. (See 1 Thess 4:3).
 - (3.) God's will of desire: These are things God desires from our lives. These are more than just moral commands but offering God what He desires (See Heb. 10:5-7).
 - (4.) God's will of direction: These are the things God directs and guides us to do. (See Rom. 1:10 and James 4:13-15).

How have you seen each of the four aspects at work in your life? How does this teaching clarify God's will for your life?

2. Pastor Jim mentioned that the natural result of spending time engrossed in the world's system is that you end up conforming to the world's way of thinking. Take a moment to think about what activities you've been engrossed in for the last week. What are some activities that you need to do less of or rid yourself of altogether? What can you do in place of these activities?
3. Scripture makes it clear that we are renewed by the work of the Spirit through the Word of God. Make a list of ways you can interact more with God's Word daily. What are some specific examples of God's Word reformulating your thinking in the areas of money, sex and relationships?
4. Take some time to pray with your group. Make a commitment to memorize Romans 12:1-2 or to daily study God's Word. Ask God to renew your mind through His Word and take note of the difference it makes in your life!