

## Small Group News

Family Night (Menu: BBQ)

New Teaching Series: Starts February 1<sup>st</sup>&2<sup>nd</sup>

Pray for: New Teaching Series, New Small Groups

## Small Group Questions

For the week of January 26, 2020

**New** (Part 4)

**Romans 12:2c**

### INTRODUCTION

Throughout this month, the teaching series will focus on Change. January is often a great time for new things (new gym, new goals, new projects, etc.). We will discuss four areas of change that will help make our New Year our best year.

The focus of the week: **God's Will**

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### MY STORY

1. Do you believe that God has a plan for every person? If there is a plan, how do you explain the tension of negative experiences? How does a good God allow bad things as part of His plan? What questions do you have about God's plan?
2. Do you have a process to determine if something is part of God's plan for your life? If not, why not? If so, share the steps in your plan.

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Paul's life was the example of change throughout the series this month. Let's look at Paul's story of coming to God:

**Read: Acts 9:1-19; 22:2-21**

What was God's plan for Paul's life? What was Paul's plan for his life? What did God do in Paul to change him? How does that compare to your story? What do you learn from Paul's story that helps you navigate change?

**Read: Colossians 1:9-14**

What was Paul's prayer for the Colossians? Why was that his prayer? Why did He believe it was possible for God to answer that prayer? How does Paul's prayer help you to pray for others?

**OVER**

2. You heard it said this weekend that, “God’s will is His desire for your life.” What does the bible tell us about God’s desire for our lives?

**Read: 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Ephesians 5:17-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Psalm 143:10**

What are some examples of God’s will? Which is easier: to know God’s will or to do it? Explain. Why do you suppose so many people struggle with knowing and/or doing God’s will?

3. There are times in all our lives when we drift from God’s plan. What can we learn from the examples of Judas and Peter to get back on track?

**Read: Luke 22:1-6; 47-48; Matthew 26:69-75 & 27:3-5; John 21:1-22**

What are some differences between Peter’s story and Judas’, both of whom betrayed Christ in their own way? Why was Peter restored to Jesus and Judas not? What can you learn from each to help you in your own relationship with God?

## TAKING IT HOME

Take some time to consider God’s plan for your life. Are you aware of how God feels about you? Have you considered what He wants for you?

As we wrap up this series, what have you learned about becoming new? Try reading Romans 12:1-2 again. Are you daily offering yourself as a living sacrifice to God? Are you taking steps to break free of the patterns of this world? What are you doing to renew your mind through God’s Word? Do you embrace God’s plan for your life?

Spend some time in prayer and thank God for His work in your life. Write God a prayer that you can keep with you expressing what you have learned.

## GROUP PRAYER

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