**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of February 20, 2022

Abraham: *How to Discover God’s Will When It’s Not Perfectly Obvious*. Gen. 24

**Big Idea:**God's will is knowable from His Word, prayer and other people.

**Goal:**To give 3 clear steps to discover God’s will.

**Prepare**

This week we're diving into Genesis 24 asking God to teach us to discern His will when it isn't obvious. The personal preparation time and discussion are meant to help us flesh out what we've learned through the sermon and apply it more thoroughly in our lives together.

**Watch** Pastor Shawn's sermon, How to Discover God’s Will When It’s Not Perfectly Obvious, noting anything memorable and impactful as you go.

**Read** Genesis 24; Proverbs 15:22; James 1:5; Job 22:28; Romans 8:28; Joshua 1:9

**Pray:** Father, please teach us to discern Your will in situations where it isn't initially obvious.

**Connect**

1. What's the best decision you ever made aside from salvation, marriage, or having children?
2. In Genesis 24, Abraham makes decisions on behalf of Isaac. How involved would you like to be in the decision-making process for your 40-year-old child?

**Discussion**Take some time to personally reflect on these questions after viewing the sermon and before your G2. It could make for a great morning devotional time! You can type and save your responses in the FBC app privately if you would like.

1. Does your personality lend itself to making bold decisions and moving forward with them or are you more of a cautious mover?
2. What are some misunderstandings about finding God's will which are common among Christians today?
3. **Read James 1:5; Job 22:28 and Romans 8:28.**What do you believe about God's ability to bring about His will in a sinful world and how is this evident in your thoughts and actions?
4. Work through the three-step process for a decision you are facing now. If you can't think of one, use a decision you went through previously. Then, as a G2, pick a type of decision, one someone in the group is actively considering or something generic, and work through the process together. If your group has time, do more than one.
   1. What Scripture applies to your decision?
   2. **Read Joshua 1:9**. List some steps you could take toward your decision through an open door and how results of those steps might help you discern your decision.
   3. **Read Proverbs 15:22**. Who are your trusted advisors and what input are they giving you?
5. How are you growing stronger in faith and seeing your need for the gospel each and every day?

**Closing Prayer** This prayer section is a guide to help process with God what you've learned about Him and yourself through the sermon, personal preparation time, and discussion, seeking the Holy Spirit's power in applying it in your life. Sharing these responses in your G2 helps others gain insight into God and themselves while encouraging one another toward growth.

**Admire**: What have you learned about God through this sermon, discussion, and Scripture? Praise Him for it.  **Possible response:**God, we praise You because You have perfect wisdom and desire to share it with us if we ask.

**Admit**: What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you as areas where you are falling short? Confess it to God.  **Possible response:**God, we confess we sometimes jump to decisions without seeking Your will or stay put for fear of making the wrong decision.

**Aspire**: What is a specific change you want to see in your life or action you and/or your G2 could take based in this time of interaction? **Possible Response:**God help us discern Your will at each step of life.

**Ask**: Keep track of requests and celebrations from others in your G2 and pray for them.