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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

Transformation: God's Will

Sunday, January 25

Read: Romans 12.1-2

1. Review: Where does Paul's beginning words *therefore* and *by the mercies of God* direct us? What are some things that Paul has said about the mercy of God in Romans 1-11 (Take a look at Romans 9.15-16; 11.30-32)? Why is Romans 1-11 so important (Romans 3.20, 5.1, 8.1)? What is Romans 1-11 connection to what Paul is going to say in Romans 12 and through the rest of the letter?
2. What are the two wills of God?
3. What is God's sovereign will? How do we see it in the OT with Joseph (Genesis 50.20)? How do we see it with Jesus and His death (Matthew 26.39; Acts 4.27-28)? Look at Proverbs 16.33 and discuss in light of what you heard in Sunday's sermon what it means. How do we see God's sovereign will in the details (Matthew 10.29) and even with kings and leaders (Proverbs 21.1)?
4. What is God's will of command? What's the difference between God's will of command and His sovereign will? In the following verses how do we see God's will of command: Matthew 7.21; 1 Thessalonians 4.3; and 1 Thessalonians 5.18. What should our response always be to God's will of command?
5. Look at Deuteronomy 29.29. What does this verse mean?
6. So, according to Romans 8.28 how shall we respond to the differing circumstances and events in life (even tragedy and loss)? What is the purpose of even trouble and trials that God sovereignly decrees (Romans 5.3-5)? What is comforting to know about Jesus when we go through tough times (Hebrews 4.15)?
7. What is Romans 12.2 referring to when speaking of God's will (Will of Command or Sovereign Will)? How does Paul describe God's will of command? Where is God's will of command revealed at (2 Timothy 3.16-17)?
8. We don't always have a minute or more to stop and look at the bible and say, *what do I do in this situation?* Most of the day is full of quick moments where we don't have time to think. So, what must happen if we are going to do God's will through the day? Read Matthew 12.33-36 to help.
9. Have you been reading through James (not that everyone has to do this, but do encourage people with the readings and the articles online if they don't have a plan)? What are some things that God has been teaching you and showing you in our bible readings? Can anyone quote the memory verses (Romans 12.1; 12.2; 2 Corinthians 5.17)? The next one is John 16.24.

Pray.