



Shelby Christian Church

CORE 52: LIVING IT- KNOWING GOD'S WILL

1CORINTHIANS 2:16, ACTS 17-18, ISAIAH 6:9-10, JOHN 7:17, COLOSSIANS 1:9 * 8/17/2025

Was there ever a time in your life where you felt totally confused as to what God wanted for your life? What did you do? What are some common practices or principles you've heard for figuring out God's will?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:16

What question does Paul ask in this verse? What answer does Paul give about how believers understand God? What does it mean to “have the mind of Christ”? How does having the mind of Christ affect the way we understand God’s will? How does this verse relate to spiritual wisdom and discernment? What contrasts or connections do you see between “the mind of the Lord” and human understanding?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ACTS 17-18

What strategies did Paul use to engage both Jewish and Gentile audiences? How did the Bereans’ response differ from that of the Thessalonians? What can we learn from that?

Why was Paul’s time in Corinth significant for the early church? How does Paul’s example of perseverance encourage believers today?

What role did prayer and Scripture study play in the spread of the gospel in these chapters? In what ways can we respond like the Bereans by examining Scripture to confirm what we hear?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ISAIAH 6:9-10

Why would God command Isaiah to proclaim a message that seems to harden people’s hearts? How does this passage relate to the idea of judgment and mercy? What does this say about the people’s spiritual condition? Are there times when we hear God’s word but fail to truly understand or apply it? Why?

What might cause our hearts to become “calloused” or dull to God’s voice? How can we guard against spiritual blindness and hardheartedness? How does this passage challenge us to respond differently to God’s word today?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOHN 7:17

Why is doing God’s will connected to understanding Jesus’ teaching? What does this verse imply about the relationship between obedience and spiritual understanding? How does this challenge the idea that knowledge alone leads to truth?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ COLOSSIANS 1:9

What does it mean to be “filled with the knowledge of God’s will”? How do spiritual wisdom and understanding differ from human wisdom? Why is Paul so concerned that the Colossians grow in this kind of knowledge? How does this kind of prayer reflect Paul’s priorities for spiritual growth?

APPLICATION

Can you share a time when you were pretty clear what was directing you to do? What have been the best resources for you to discern God's will?

Do you know of an example where someone couldn't hear God speak because their own habits or actions were drowning out what God might have been clearly saying to them?

How would you rank your own level of biblical literacy on a scale of 1-10? What would be your best next step to learn to extract life-principles from your Bible reading?

PRAYER