



MAIN POINT:

**The Best Way To Actively Find God's Will
Is to Intentionally Be Led By The Spirit**

ICEBREAKER: Name some daily decisions that you make that make you wish you knew God's specific will for your life? (ie- how should I relate to someone, should I apply for this job?, should I help this person in need?, Should I date this person? Do you want me to be married?)

EXPLORATION:

- 1. Discuss the meaning of the word "paradox". Paradox- "Something that is made up of two opposite things that seem impossible but is actually possible". Do you ever feel like God's plans for your life and your plans for your life are a paradox? Why or why not?**
- 2. Read Genesis 2:16, 2:19. What areas of freedom to choose did God give Adam in these verses? Would you consider those decisions as big decisions or little decisions? What does this say about what God might give us the free will to choose? (Context Clues- Gen 2:16 says that Adam could "surely" or "freely" eat of any tree in the garden but one. In Gen 2:19 He gives Adam the freedom to choose the names of the animals. And it says that wanted to "see what he would call them." It seems that God gave Adam a great deal of free choice in decisions in the garden.).**
- 3. Read the following quote by Francis Schaeffer. Do you agree or disagree with what he says? Why?**

"It is my thesis that as we cannot bind men morally except with that which Scripture clearly commands (beyond that we can only give advice), similarly, anything the New Testament does not command in regard to church form is a freedom to be exercised under the leadership of the Holy Spirit for that particular time and place."- Francis Schaeffer- *The Church At The End OF the Twentieth Century*

- 4. Read II Corinthians 3:17, Galatians 5:1, and Psalm 37:3-5. Discuss how each of these verses seems to indicate that "Where GO has not set a clear boundary there is freedom." Give some modern day examples of where this would apply.**

APPLICATION:

- 1. Read Acts 16:8-10. In this story Paul is given the freedom to choose his direction. And then the Holy Spirit changes his course. How does this prove that when there is apparent freedom and the Spirit of God clearly leads another way, you should go with God's new plan? Give an example of where this has happened with you.**
- 2. Do you agree or disagree with the main point of this lesson: "The best way to actively find God's will Is to intentionally be led by the Spirit" How do you feel like a believer should seek to be led by the Spirit of God in these modern times?**

- 3. Read Philippians 2:12-13. How does this passage once again reinforce the idea of this study?
How does it teach: "As we work out our salvation, Christ will work in God's Will?"**

- 4. Ask members of the group if they feel like they are pursuing and living out God's plan for their life. Pray for the members of the group to do their part in growing in God, while trusting that God is over the whole process and gives them the strength to follow Him.**