

June 20 Discussion Questions
“The Will of the Lord Be Done”
Acts 21:1-14

Preview

“And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, “Let the will of the Lord be done.” - Acts 21:14

BIG IDEA: All Christians are called to do God’s will.

What is God’s will?

1. God’s sovereign will. (Acts 4:27-28; Eph 1:11; 1 Pet 3:17)
2. God’s revealed will commanded in Scripture. (1 Thes 4:3; 5:18; 1 Jn 2:17)
3. God’s discerned will applied from Scripture (Rm 12:2; Heb 5:14; 1 Cor 2:16)

How do we do God’s will?

1. We must do God’s will quickly. (v.1-7)
2. We must do God’s will entirely. (v.15)
3. We must do God’s will joyfully. (v.13)

What if we fail God’s will?

1. Jesus has already fulfilled God’s will for you. (Col 2:13-14)

Opening Questions

1. What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given? What was the worst piece of advice?
2. If you could have the power of teleportation, where would you go right now? Why?

Pray: Pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit throughout the conversation.

Read the Passage: Acts 21:1-14

Discussion

3. The disciples urge Paul “Through the Spirit” (vs. 4) not to set foot in Jerusalem. How do they interpret these warnings differently from Paul? Reference (v. 21:10-13) (20:22-23) and (21:4)
4. Who was Agabus? (v. 21:10) What else do we know about him (See 11:27-29) that gives more credibility to his prophecy?
5. Why was another warning necessary if Paul already knew what awaited him? How might the warning have served the believers rather than just Paul?

6. Paul was convinced of what he should do, even though he was sure it meant hardship. Why did he say he was ready to go to Jerusalem? Do you think you would have been as determined to continue to Jerusalem?
7. Three times in this passage, others tried to persuade Paul to not go to Jerusalem. Because Paul's friends were important to him, it was difficult for him to not heed their advice. Can you recall a time a friend tried to stop you from proceeding with something? How did you react?

Application

8. In verse 14, the believers resigned themselves to the will of God. At what point do we resign our wishes or desires and fully submit to the will of God? Is there a difficult decision before you right now that you need to fully submit to?
9. Can you describe a time where your wishes conflicted with God's will? How did you handle it?
10. How can you better respond to the responsibilities and callings God has laid before you right now? Do you need to respond more quickly, entirely, or joyfully?

Prayer Requests

11. As a result of this passage, How can we pray for God to change you?

Prayer

As a result of this passage, we need to be in continuous prayer that not only we identify the will of God for Oakwood and the body of believers. As well as praying that we are able to act quickly and with a joy filled heart when it comes to God's will for our life and the life of Oakwood.