

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: To win, build and send Department of Defense leaders to live for Jesus Christ

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Knowing God's Will

#4 – KNOWING HIM THROUGH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

INTRODUCTION:

What prayer are you glad God didn't answer the way you asked?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION:

Note: People sometimes look at circumstances as God's guidance (without looking at anything else). Sometimes God places mature Christians within our sphere of influence to help us know His will.

Read 1 Cor 12:1-3

1. Who decides which spiritual gift you receive? How would you feel if you gave someone a gift and they didn't even open it or acknowledge that they got it?
2. Who does not have at least one (spiritual) gift?

Note: Speaking out loud (vs 3) implies confession – the mouth says what your heart believes. Rom 10:8b-10; 1 Jn 4:2-3; Rom 8:15-16; Gal 4:6.

3. Who prevents us from saying, "Jesus is not Lord"? vs 3 What is the "unpardonable" sin?

Read 1 Cor 12:4-6

Note: the emphasis here is not on the gifts but on the giver. Spiritual gifts are different than talents because they are only available to Christians.

4. Which gift is supposed to be elevated above all other gifts?
5. What is the purpose of the gifts?
6. How can you open (discover) your spiritual gift? (www.spiritualgiftstest.com)

Note: Sometimes it is easier for others to see your gifts. Surveys given to others can help.

7. How have you seen spiritual gifts at work (balanced) in your Christian fellowship (church)?

Read 1 Cor 4:7-11

Note: God doesn't work in accordance with a formula. Three blind men were each healed, but in different ways. Matt 9:27-30; Mark 8:22-25; Jn 9:1-7. We must be open to God's will through water ever means He chooses. 2 Ki 5:1-15

8. What is the value of asking fellow believers to help you know God's will?

APPLICATION:

- How can you express your need to know God's will to your fellow Christians?