

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

#5 – KNOWING HIM THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES

INTRODUCTION:

Looking back, what random circumstances or encounters changed life in your favor?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION:

Read Rom 8:21-27

1. Sometimes we pray “the Lord’s Prayer”, (Lk 11:2) saying “thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”. What does that mean?
2. When have you wondered about what to pray?
3. What is a “groaning”? Who is groaning? **Vv 21-22; 23; 26**
4. What is the Holy Spirit’s role in our prayer life?
5. How can we hinder the Holy Spirit? **Ps 139:23-24; Ps 26:2-3**

Read Rom 8:28-30

Note: The verb tenses in vs 28 are “present” meaning they are being done continuously (as we love Him). Verbs in vs 29 are aoristic meaning that they are already completed. This is sometimes referred to as “the golden chain of salvation.” Since God is not constrained by time, in his point of view, salvation has already been completed. Phil 1:6

6. “All things” is somewhat vague. Vs 28 If that doesn’t mean that there will be an end to trials and tribulations, what does it mean? How is the plan different for Christians and non-Christians?
7. What is the purpose of the trials? Vs 29 Would you say God is more concerned about our comfort or our character?
8. Why don’t we immediately go into the presence of God when we become Christians?
9. What is the role of circumstances in determining God’s will?

Read Rom 8:31-32

10. Who would accuse us? **Rev 12:10; Zech 3:1-5**
11. Who declares us righteous and worthy? **1 Jn 2:1-2; Heb 10:11-14**
12. Since God didn’t spare His son, what are the chances that He will not give us something we “need” like food and clothing. What do we need to complete His will? **1 Pet 1:18-21**

APPLICATION:

- How can you pray for God’s will, even during trying circumstances? **Jer 29:11**