

VIEWING GUIDE 1

GOD'S WILL AND YOUR LIFE

SCRIPTURES REFERENCED

John 17:3
Philippians 3:10
Romans 8
John 5:17, 19, 20
Philippians 2

SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- God takes the initiative and you adjust your life to Him.
- The heart of the Christian life is a relationship with a Person. You were created for that purpose.
- To experience God is to experience His activities and ideas in your life.
- God brings you into a personal relationship with His Son and molds you in His image.
- We need not ask to be shown the way when we already have the way. Jesus said that He is the way.
- A servant never initiates the action: and, likewise, the master never consults the servant.
- Our relationship must be real and personal.
- Whenever God is about to do something He reveals it to one of His people.
 1. God is at work.
 2. God takes the initiative to come to us.
 3. God invites us to become involved.
 4. God speaks clearly and His people understand.
 5. When God speaks to us, we have a crisis of belief.
 6. After crisis comes major adjustments (every time God speaks).
- God is more interested in your character than in your activity.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What is eternal life?
2. How is your relationship to God similar to a potter and his clay?
3. What is God's purpose for your life?

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What adjustments do you sense you need to make to God in your personal life, in your family, or in your church relationships?

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LOOKING TO GOD

SCRIPTURE REFERENCED

Isaiah 55:8

SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- God does not give principles, a program, or activity--He gives Himself.
- Adjustment to God requires obedience.
- The Bible is God-centered.
- The Bible shows you how you can make the adjustments required.
- God is the focus of all His activity. What Moses, David, and Joseph did was done because God worked through them.
- God functions in a different way than we do.
- God always asks us to do things we cannot do.
- Once you have a word from God, what you do next reveals what you believe about God.
- There has never been a time when God has spoken and said what He was about to do that He has not brought it about.
- A call from God is a call to a relationship.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What is your guide for your relationship to God?
2. Why does God ask you to do things that you cannot do in your own power or with your own abilities?
3. How does God develop character?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Why do we need to wait on the Lord to receive instructions about what He wants to do through us?

What are some things we should do or not do in trying to follow God's will?

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GOD PURSUES A LOVE RELATIONSHIP

SCRIPTURES REFERENCED

Deuteronomy 6:4
Deuteronomy 30
Matthew 22:36-40
John 14
Hebrews 12

SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- God by nature is perfect love, He can never express Himself unless it is an expression of perfect love.
- Put any event that happens to you against the backdrop of the cross.
- A love relationship with God is central to everything else you do.
- We were created for eternity, not for time.
- Your quiet time should not be to have a relationship with God, but because you have a relationship with God.
- The Father looks to see the relationship we have with His Son.
- Deny self and Jesus will show you who you really are.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. How would you describe the love relationship God wants with you?
2. What is one meaningful way to read the Scriptures for a word from God?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is the most meaningful thing you heard on this portion of the videotape and why?

What do you sense you need to do in response to God after hearing the message in this videotape?

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LOVE AND GOD'S INVITATION

SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- When God reveals His activity, that is your invitation to join Him.
- Do not interpret the Bible by your experience. Interpret your experiences by the Bible.
- He is your Long Range Planner.
- God takes the initiative to reveal His will.
- Learn to know when God is speaking. Take as long as it takes for God to clarify what He is doing. Understand what God is saying and be willing to be absolutely obedient.
- The moment you start to move God will confirm that it is of Him.
- God puts together a body of believers to match the assignment.
- Your church needs to function together as a body.
- Jesus has been trying to get His church back for a long time.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. How are you to interpret your experiences?
2. How is God related to planning?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Our church faces so many needs inside and outside our fellowship. How can we do all the many things that need to be done?

What are some things we should do?

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GOD SPEAKS, PART 1

SCRIPTURES REFERENCED

Hebrews 1:1ff.
Romans 3:10ff.
1 Corinthians 10:2ff. Romans
8:26ff. Romans 12:1-2
1 Corinthians 2:10ff.

SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- God is not limited in the number of ways He can speak.
- The key is not how He speaks, but that He does speak. People in the Bible knew it was God speaking, and He spoke specifically.
- To confront Jesus is to confront God.
- The Holy Spirit guides you and will teach you all things.
- Sin cripples our capacity to understand the Word of God. Unaided by the Holy Spirit, we cannot know and understand.
- The Truth of God is a Person, not a concept.
- Truth is revealed. The Bible is the tool the Spirit of God uses to bring you face-to-face with the activity of God in your life.
- Four ways God speaks: (1) Bible, (2) Prayer, (3) Circumstances, (4) Church-the people of God.
- Time in the Scripture is important before prayer.
- The Holy Spirit is God's provision to help you when you pray.
- What happens in the closet will be revealed in the marketplace.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. How does God speak to us today?
2. How does God speak through the Bible?
3. How does God speak through prayer?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is the most meaningful thing you learned or reviewed during this message about God's speaking through the Bible and prayer?
Why is that meaningful?

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GOD SPEAKS, PART 2

SCRIPTURES REFERENCED

Hebrews 11

1 Corinthians 12:7

SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- What God is doing is His will.
- When God reveals His activity to you, that is His invitation to you to adjust your life to His activity.
- If you look at God from the middle of your circumstance you will have difficulty.
- Look at circumstances from God's perspective.
- Faith keeps you strong when the enemy is winning.
- Christ is the Head of the church.
- Equipping by the Spirit is not for you but for the entire body.
- God has provided the Holy Spirit to be your enabler.
- Do not seek God's will for your life, but seek God's will.
- The biggest difficulty in knowing the will of God is to surrender your will to His will.
- All of God comes to dwell in a new believer.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- 1.How do God's people relate to your knowing God's will?
- 2.What does impatience with God's people indicate?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is the most meaningful thing you learned or reviewed during this message about God's speaking through circumstances and the church?

How can the idea of identifying spiritual markers help you understand more clearly what God is doing in your life?

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THE CRISIS OF BELIEF

SCRIPTURES REFERENCED

Hebrews 11-12
Galatians 1
John 14

SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- Faith operates in a relationship to a person.
- Faith always operates in the present.
- Without faith it is impossible to please God.
- God's basic desire is to reveal Himself, His Son, and His Spirit through you. Whenever God speaks, He invites you to join Him. That brings a radical disruption of your life.
- Response is always to a Person, not a program, principle, or concept.
- What you are doing reveals what you believe.
- Faith always requires action.
- A crisis of belief always happens when God speaks.
- When God speaks, what you do next reveals what you believe about God.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What is faith?
2. What is a crisis of belief?
3. How does your faith relate to your actions? Explain.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What did Henry mean by "planned disobedience"?
What are some ways you sense our church needs to commit itself to planned obedience?

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ADJUSTING YOUR LIFE TO GOD

SCRIPTURE REFERENCED

Luke 14:25-34

SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- We can see the moving of God in history, but it is hard for us to see Him moving in our lives.
- The crisis in your life creates opportunity for you to decide.
- As we are obedient, the pattern of the activity of God is revealed.
- Make adjustments in your life so that you will be free to follow when God calls.
- Adjustments you make to God will prepare you for an opportunity to obey Him.
- Your greatest difficulty in doing the will of God may be in what it will cost those around you.
- It may be more costly to not adjust.
- Everything that opposes God will oppose you when you are following God.
- Adjustments are real, personal, and costly; but nothing can compare with the outcome.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What adjustments did Jesus make?
2. In what ways can adjustment and obedience to God be costly to those around you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What examples or reasons would you give to defend the statement: "It may be more costly not to adjust than to adjust?"

What does this statement mean: "Don't hold in your heart what you can hold in your hand?"

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EXPERIENCING GOD THROUGH OBEDIENCE

SCRIPTURES REFERENCED

Philippians 3:10
1 Corinthians 3

SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- As you obey God, you experience Him.
- God releases His power in obedience.
- Obedience is crucial to serving God. You cannot experience God without obedience.
- The more you know of God, growing out of your obedience to God, the more He can entrust to you.
- Every revelation of God brings radical changes to you and your character.
- An encounter with God is an invitation to make some changes.
- Obedience is the key to experiencing God.
- Your worth has nothing to do with the position you are in.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Does God give us second chances? Explain.
2. Is any heart too hard for God to change? Explain.
3. What is a significant assignment?
4. Will God use a person who has sinned? Explain.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is the relationship between obedience and character?

How is character related to an assignment God may have for you?

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GOD'S WILL AND THE CHURCH

SCRIPTURES REFERENCED

1 Corinthians 12

Ephesians 4

SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- Every congregation is a living organism and it functions that way.
- Never abandon the ideals of God.
- Never interpret the Scriptures in terms of your experience.
- There is no limit to what one congregation that God puts together can do.
- Christ is the Head of the church.
- God puts the body together for His Son.
- God fashions the body according to the assignment for that body.
- The Spirit of God manifests Himself for the common good.
- Watch to see what members are doing that edifies the body.
- When God has an assignment, He gives an equipper.
- You are to function in the body so the whole body can grow up into Christ. Your place in the body is not for you but for the body.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What is God doing when He adds members to your church?
2. What is the source of unity in a church?
3. What do you do that causes people to grow or the church to be edified or built up?

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What are some ways you sense our church could function more closely like the body of Christ?

VIEWING GUIDE 11

KINGDOM PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE REFERENCED

1 John 1

SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- Every congregation is a world mission strategy center.
- Two Kingdom principles that apply to a church as well as an individual: (1) If you try to save your life, you lose it; (2) If you are faithful in a little, He will give you much.
- To experience God and know God is to put your life alongside the activity of God, let the Spirit of God show you why and how that happened, adjust your life to Him, and let Him work through you to turn a world upside down.
- When you make your life available to God and He speaks to you, and you make the adjustments in your life, you stand right in the midst of His activity.
- There is no limit to what God can do through one individual who has yielded his life to the Lord and has let God put him into the fellowship of that which God Himself has created and His Son is Head (the church).

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. How can a local church be a world mission strategy center?
2. How is your relationship to God reflected in your relationship to others?
3. What are two principles of the Kingdom that don't make sense to the human mind?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are some aspects of Koinonia (fellowship) with people and groups outside our church that you sense we are missing?

What do you sense we ought to do to experience greater dimensions of Koinonia?

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CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

SCRIPTURE REFERENCED

Hebrews 10:26

SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- God loves us and is pursuing that love relationship with us as individuals and as a church.
- When God reveals to us His activity, that is His invitation to join Him.
- When God speaks to us that causes a crisis of belief.
- Adjustments have to be made if we follow God.
In obedience to God, we discover Him working mightily.
- If you really walk with God, you can't help but be humble. If you do not humble yourself, God will humiliate you.
- Impatience means you are still trying to do something for God.
- Be aware that God is mightily at work and is drawing you to be involved in His work.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Where does humility come from? You or God?
2. What does your impatience with God indicate?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are some ways you can continue to grow in your fellowship with God?

What can our church do to create a better environment for growth in discipleship?

How can we continue to support each other?