

Instructions

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and pick 3-5 questions to discuss, which pertain to your group's unique needs and style.

For the video related questions, look up the video in RightNow Media. You can do this on a phone, tablet, computer, or SmartTV device. You can easily find the video by clicking on the "Revolution Church" channel within the app. If you or a group member needs access to RightNow Media, please email info@revolutionky.org.

Questions Related to This Week's Message

1. Where in your life are longing for peace?
2. What surprises you about the story of Joseph and the angel appearing to offer a song of peace? Did you hear anything differently about this story this year? Can you relate to Joseph's dilemma, desiring to do the right thing and yet still heeding the voice of God?
3. Are you in a season of waiting or longing for discernment now? Or if not, share about a time when you were trying to make an important decision. How did you find peace from God in the midst of that?
4. Though our destination may be unclear, the gift of Jesus, the Immanuel, is not that God is there waiting at the end, once we have it all figured out. But Christ the Immanuel is God with us every step of the way. What would it look like for you to experience this truth today and trust God one step at a time?

Video and Discussion Questions from RightNow Media

"Finding God's Will for My Life" by Chip Ingram (6:17 min)

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/VideoElement/98120>

1. How do you discern God's will for your life? When you're facing a fork in the road, where do you turn for answers? How do you decide what to do?
2. Chip talks about one of the most important aspects of finding God's will when he says we must first be *willing* to follow wherever He leads. When you face a tough decision, how easily do you find yourself willing to take the road less traveled? Does your willingness (or lack thereof) make it easier or more difficult for you to hear what God is saying? Share some real-life examples with your group.
3. In the video, Chip seems to suggest that we can find peace in "taking the invisible gun away from our heads" and giving ourselves some grace. Perhaps this is why Jesus, who the author of John says is "full of grace and truth" (1:14), is also called the "Prince of Peace" in Isaiah 9:6. We no longer have to fear condemnation, for our sin has been graciously atoned through Christ. To that Paul adds, "are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means!" (Romans 6:1-2)

Read the scripture below, and then compare and contrast this with what Chip said about God's will being a highway and not a tightrope. Do you think these views are "either/or" or could they be in some way "both/and?" Which view do you hold most prevalent? How does this relate to your stress over remaining in God's will and how can you find peace through the grace of Jesus?

Matthew 7:13-14 -¹³ "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

4. Where are you searching for God's will in your life right now? Chip shared two powerful ways to discern God's will – 1) through His Word and 2) through other people. How can your group help each other to discern how God is leading you today?

Going Deeper:

1. On your own, consider viewing "**Hearing God: The Still Small Voice**" by Dallas Willard (31 min) in RightNow Media. This is found at <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1175?episode=4> or by looking in the "Renovation Group Bible Studies" channel and clicking on session # 4.

Family-Related Questions:

1. Scientist and author Roger Lewin once said, "Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve." When your children face tough decisions in their lives (at least tough for them), are you more prone to make a decision for them or to help them learn how to discern the right way for themselves? What are the risks (both good and bad) in letting your kids make their own decisions? How can you teach them to seek and hear God in these moments? How can you create a safe environment for them to fail and learn from it?