



Week Four: When the Picture is Fuzzy

So what happens when you have a situation in your life where you are seeking God's will but it seems like the Bible doesn't address it? This week, the message will be based on questions people submit live via text messages during the sermon. We'll open the bible and try to bring clarity to situations you are struggling with in real time. Plus, we'll introduce you to a principle that can guide you in finding God's will throughout your life.

Discussion Questions

This week in group, you are freewheeling it! No assigned scripture passage, but a chance to apply what you have already learned to situations you are dealing with. Our assumption: you probably know more about how to apply the Bible to your life than you think.

1. Have each group member identify one area of their life they in which they would love to hear from God. Have someone take notes of each person's request. Tonight, spend 5-10 minutes on each person's situation and try to find guidance using the Bible knowledge group members have.
2. Although the situations described may indeed seem hard to solve, if the answer is not clear, try applying this principle: that what is clear in scripture can help us understand what is unclear. In other words, don't get lost on what you don't know, but come back to the core truths and teachings of the Bible that you do know and try to figure out how they might apply to the issue being addressed.
3. Some guidelines for the discussion:
 - Resist the temptation to simply "offer advice". Use the bible passages you are familiar with to try to find principles that address the issues or story lines that parallel the issue at hand.
 - If the group gets stumped on what passage might apply, try going back to texts we already looked at like Romans 12 or 1 Thessalonians 5, or even texts like the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Passages like that are filled with principles that address almost every life-situation. (Don't use this option too quickly - really take the time to tap into the collective Bible knowledge in the room).
 - Pray - It's often the combination of God's Spirit speaking to us in Scripture that provides the guidance we need.

Taking it Home

This week, read your bible daily with a view toward application. Each time you read a passage, ask God to help you find at least one verse that you can apply to an issue you are dealing with. As this becomes a discipline, over time you will build up considerable insight on how the Bible applies to every day life and what God wants you to do in specific circumstances.

Changing your Mind

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17