



## **“Your Will Be Done...in Me” - Discussion Guide**

Pastor Justin explores the profound meaning behind the prayer 'Your will be done' from the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:10. He emphasizes that while it's easy to say these words, truly meaning them is challenging because God's will often conflicts with our natural desires. He examines how God's definition of 'good' differs from ours - His good focuses on His glory and our sanctification (becoming like Christ) rather than our comfort, health, or prosperity. Justin explains that God's will may involve hardship and difficulty, but this serves a greater purpose of shaping us into Christ's image and preparing us for His glory. He uses the analogy of a heart surgeon's scalpel to illustrate how something painful can ultimately be good when done by the right person for the right purpose.

### **Intro Prayer**

Father, as we gather together this morning to study Your word and explore what it means to truly surrender to Your will, we ask that You would prepare our hearts to be open to what You want to teach us. Help us to set aside our own agendas and preconceptions, and give us humble hearts that are ready to receive Your truth. We pray that through our discussion today, You would speak to each of us individually and collectively, showing us areas where we need to grow in trusting You more completely. Guide our conversation and help us to encourage one another as we seek to understand what it means to say 'Your will be done' and actually mean it. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Ice Breaker**

What's one thing you've had to do recently that was difficult at first but turned out to be good for you in the end?

### **Key Verses**

- Matthew 6:10
- Romans 12:2
- John 10:10
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3
- Matthew 16:24

### **Questions**

- Why do you think it's easier to say 'Your will be done' than it is to actually mean it?
- How would you describe the difference between our definition of 'good' and God's definition of 'good'?
- Pastor Justin mentioned that 'hard and good aren't antonyms in the kingdom of God.' Can you think of an example from your own life where something difficult ultimately led to something good?
- What does it mean that God's will is focused on His glory and our sanctification? How does this change how we view difficult circumstances?



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- How can understanding God's greater purpose help us trust Him during seasons of hardship or uncertainty?
- What are some ways we might be putting pressure on ourselves when trying to discern God's will for specific decisions in our lives?
- Why is community important when we're trying to understand and follow God's will? How can others help us in this process?
- Jesus himself struggled with submitting to God's will in the Garden of Gethsemane. How does this encourage you when you're wrestling with God's will in your own life?

### **Life Application**

This week, identify one area of your life where you've been holding onto your own will instead of surrendering to God's will. Take one concrete step toward surrendering that area to God, whether through prayer, seeking counsel from other believers, or taking action that aligns with what you know God desires. Consider joining a small group if you're not already in one, as community is essential for discerning and following God's will.

### **Key Takeaways**

- God's will is good, but His definition of good is greater than our definition - it focuses on His glory and our sanctification rather than our comfort
- Saying 'Your will be done' requires denying ourselves and being willing to trust God even when His path seems difficult
- God's good may involve hardship, but He uses these experiences to shape us into Christ's image and prepare us for His glory
- We don't have to put excessive pressure on ourselves to find the 'one right decision' - God can work His will wherever we are
- Community is essential for discerning God's will - we need other believers to pray with us, counsel us, and help sharpen us

### **Ending Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You for this time of discussion and reflection on what it means to surrender to Your will. We acknowledge that this is not easy - our natural inclination is to want our own way, to define good according to our own understanding. But we thank You that Your will is perfect, even when it's difficult to understand or accept. Help us to trust that You are working all things together for our good and Your glory. Give us the courage to take steps this week toward surrendering areas of our lives where we've been holding onto our own will. Help us to remember that You are the good shepherd who leads us, and that Your will - though sometimes hard - is always good. Strengthen our faith to say 'Your will be done' and truly mean it. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who perfectly modeled submission to Your will. Amen.