



**Group Time**

ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See last page for directions)

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**LOOK BACK:**

**Point:** *Jesus is the light and life.*

- Share a really cool story (RCS) from this Christmas.

**Question:** (Think about the choices we have.) If you received a text to pick up yogurt and pasta on the way home, would there need to be a follow-up call? Why or why not?

**LOOK UP:**

**Recap:** We might often hear the question, “What is God’s will for my/your life?” Unfortunately, it’s not the right question. The right question is, “What is God’s will and how can I adjust my life to it? What decisions do I need to make?”

Therefore, we need to know God’s will. To do that, we first need to look at the decisions we make regarding who we are and why we are in our relationship with God. The “who” is the reason we pursue holiness (a process called sanctification – Romans 12:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7). The “why” is the reason we pursue opportunities to share Him with others, hoping they will join us (a.k.a., discipleship – Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Peter 3:9). Both result in our needing to make intentional decisions to fulfill His will and become closer to Him.

**LOOK IN: Discussion**

- Read this statement: *God doesn’t need your ability; He wants your availability.* What does this have to do with our “who” and “why?” Does it matter what we’ve done or have the skill to do?
- Read Colossians 3:12-17. This is a pretty serious list to aspire to (let’s call it perfection). Do we need to master the list before doing anything for God?

**LOOK FORWARD: Application**

**Point:** *If you are becoming the right who, God will help you choose the right do. If you're driven by the right why, God will lead you to the right what.*

**Do It All For The Glory Of God.**

Make a list of 1-4 daily and/or weekly things you do to maintain or enhance your relationship with God (Bible reading, prayer, 4G Group, etc.). Include when and where you typically do them.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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Now, identify how each is or isn’t making you more holy.

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Why should one seek God’s will?

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What is God’s will? Pick some specific verses or Biblical accounts to validate your claim.

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Do the decisions you make illustrate this?