

The Lord's Prayer

Thy Will Be Done

Confirmation - Lesson B5

Name: _____

Date: _____

Memory Verse of the Week: "For I know the _____ I have for you', declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" **Jeremiah 29:11**

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven" - Linked to Hallowed Name & Thy Kingdom Come

What is God's will?

- God's will is first & foremost an _____ - we are sons & daughters of God
- Secondly, God's will is His _____ for us to carry out here on earth

General will - Applies to every person and is revealed in _____!

- **John 6:40** - 'My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day'
- **Matthew 22:37-40** - 'Love Lord with heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself'
- **Micah 6:8** - '...to act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God'

Specific will - Unique to each person and revealed by the _____!

- Each person has specific giftedness & roles in the body (**1 Cor. 12/Rom. 12**)

How do I know and live under God's will?

- **James 1:22-25** - We _____ to & _____ the commands of God
- **Jeremiah 29:11-14** - We seek and trust God, despite trials and hard times!
 - _____ - God's will never contradicts the Bible
 - **Psalms 119:105** - 'Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path'
 - _____ - Our step of faith to know God, share His desires, and hear His will
 - _____ - We cannot control when or how God speaks
 - _____ - Ask someone who you respect spiritually for wisdom
 - _____ - Trust He is good and will lead us!
 - **Galatians 5:25** - 'Let us keep in step with the Spirit'

What are we asking by saying "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven?"

- That God's _____ would take place in our lives and the lives of those around us.
- We seek to know _____, not just His plans for us.
- God reveals His _____ will for us, by His Spirit, over time.

Main Point: God's will is so much more than what we do, but it's _____ we are following!

Reflection Time- *Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:*

1) What is the difference between God's general will and His specific will?

2) How can you know what God's will is for your life? Or can you?

3) What is one question that you would like to know about your future?

4) What unique abilities/passions has God given to you? How can you use those for God?

5) What questions do you have about how God's will works?

Group Break Out

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Get To Know Ya -

Have everyone share their earliest memory---how old were you? What were you doing?

Experiential Activity -

Have the students flip their outline over and draw 2 pictures of what they want to be when they grow up. The first picture is what they wanted to be when they were age 5. The second picture is what they want to be in the future from the perspective of their current age. Then, have everyone show off their masterpieces and explain what they wanted to be and why!

Application -

- 1) Why did you want to have these careers? What changed?
- 2) Do you seek God about your future? Why or why not?
- 3) **What unique abilities has God given you? What unique passions do you have? How could you discover these?**
- 4) Would you want to know your whole life right now? Why or why not?
- 5) What is God's will and what are ways that we can know God's will?
- 6) **Read Romans 8:28---how does this apply to your life? Do you believe this? How would you live if you truly believed this?**
- 7) **Read Proverbs 3:5-6---how does this apply to your life? Has your own intuition led you to make a bad decision? What happened?**
- 8) **Do you believe that you are significant and play a role in the body of Christ? Why or why not?**
- 9) Pray for each person in the group---pray to know and live in God's Will. Pray that you can follow Him more closely!

Family Time

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Family Time is meant to be an opportunity to get the family talking about spiritual things. Multiple studies show that parents and grandparents are the #1 faith role models in a child's life. We know life is busy, but we want to give you opportunities to grow together. The best time to do it is together in the car, while eating a meal together, or simply anytime together.

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1) Have everyone share what they think it means that 'God's will be done'.

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2) Read through Proverbs 3:5-6 together. What warning does God give us in this passage? Why?

a.) Have everyone share a time in which they followed their own desires/will and it didn't go so well.

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b.) Have everyone share a time in which they followed God's will and how it turned out.

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3) Have your parent(s) share their career path with you---write down their pathway and have them explain how they chose their jobs? Did they seek God?

4) What advice would they give you in your future and career path? Where does God fit?

5) Finally, write down decisions that each person has coming up and pray for God's will in each of these.

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For Further Study... (An optional section for families that want to go deeper)

Read through the book of Jonah (It's not that long---and you can say you've read an entire book of the Bible!!) Discuss times in which Jonah went against God's will and times He followed God's will. What happened as a result of both?

Apply this concept to your life---why do you go against God's will? Uncertain what it is? Sin? You want to be god?

Pray a prayer of repentance asking God's grace and forgiveness for these times. Ask God that you can 'keep in step with the Spirit' and follow His will. Pray that your heart will allow His will to be done!

Your Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____