

In Search of God's Will

Discerning a Life of Faithfulness and Purpose

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Study Guide Chapter 9: Making Faithful Decisions

1. Dallas Willard is quoted at the beginning of this chapter as having said, "Among our loneliest moments is the time of decision." Do you agree? If so, what struggles do you experience with decision making?
2. To review, what are some things we do to live a discerning life? (page 107)
3. Read and discuss the Discernment Exercise on page 108. Share as you feel comfortable about a recent decision you made and your process in making it.
4. Name and discuss a couple of steps used in asking for God's guidance. (pages 108-109)
5. When we pray and ask for God's help in making a faithful decision, what are some ways God may speak to us? How have you experienced this in your own life?
6. After praying for God's help in decision making, we may get "a clear word from the Lord." What might this look like?
7. What are 3 thoughts to consider and reflect on when we don't feel that we are receiving clear guidance from God? (pages 111-112)
8. How do these 3 thoughts apply to your life? (See Discernment Exercise page 113)
9. Trevor Hudson poses this question for us to consider: What do you most want to do for God?
10. What is your greatest takeaway from this chapter?

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