Sermon Series: Learning to Listen: for God's Voice & For God's Will

**Message Summary:** It is more tragic when a person knows God's will but doesn't fulfill it than if they never knew His will to begin with (2 Peter 2:21). This happens more often than most people realize. It's a great privilege to have God reveal His will to you. But that is just the beginning step. That's like opening the door. You have not arrived. You are not complete. It is every bit as important to understand how to follow and fulfill His will for your life as it is to know what His will is.

# **Fulfilling God's Will**

## Romans 12:1,2

### 1. Prayer:

"A Living Sacrifice" Begin by getting your heart ready to do the Lord's will.

#### 2. Word:

"Renew My Mind" Seek the Will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the Word of God.

#### 3. Reflection:

"Prove The Good and Acceptable" Take into account providential circumstances.

- A. God's will for your life is mostly moral.
- B. There is great freedom within God's will.
- C. Caution with the right language but not the right relationship.

Matthew 7:21-23

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# **LifeGroup Questions**

BEGIN IT (5min) – Time spent in praise and opening prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) – How do you feel when you offer sound advice and it is rejected? EXPLORE IT (60min) – Read Romans 12:1,2 & Matthew 7:21-23 and **review Sunday's sermon outline together**. Stop at each point allowing people to share their additional comments or notes taken while listening to the sermon. Now answer these <u>heart-to-heart</u> questions:

- 1. Do you know your purpose?
- 2. Do you feel like you're walking in God's perfect will right now, with all that you're doing?
- 3. Are you about the Father's business today? Or, are you busy with doing what *you* want to do vs. what God has *called* you to do?
- 4. Are you truly doing what *God* has called you to do in this season of your life or are you busy doing what you think will bring *you* happiness or success?"

APPLY IT (15min) – What did God reveal to you in the sermon or among your discussion group? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?