

SMALL GROUP GROWTH GUIDE

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BIG IDEA: God has a will. He wants you to know what it is. He has made His will discernable.

BELONG

1. Think back to your growing up. What did you think the will of your parents was for you?

GROW

1. Read 2 Peter 3:9. What is Peter describing? Why hasn't judgement come to the world yet? What therefore is God's will and the reason He is waiting?
2. Read 2 Timothy 2:3-5. What is the character of God?
3. If therefore, God's will is for people to be saved through Jesus Christ. Who does God not lead? See Romans 8:14, 1 Corinthians 16:22
4. Is salvation a suggestion or a command? See Luke 9:35, Acts 2:28, Acts 16:31
5. Dale made the distinction being gifted with the Holy Spirit, Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians, 6:19, 12:12-13. And being filled with the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 5:17. What is the difference and what is Paul's example of what it means "to be filled"?
6. If you are filled by the Holy Spirit then He has total control. You are under the influence of the Holy Spirit. How filled do you feel you are?
7. Instead of praying for the Holy Spirit, which as a Christian you already have, what should our prayer be?
8. In order to be filled with the Spirit, what must you have? See 1 Corinthians 2:16. How do you obtain that? Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:18
9. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8. What is God's will for you in vs 3. What are the classifications Paul uses to describe sanctification in verses 4-7?
10. Look at vs 8. What is and always is the underlining issue? Dale has repeatedly stated that, "no one is neutral". What do you think he means by that?

REACH

Everyone has an ultimate standard for life, you just have to ask a few questions to really find out what it is. What have been some of your conversations pertaining to life, morality, what is right or wrong with the people where you live, work, and play?

What can you discern about what their ultimate standards are? How can this be helpful to you for future gospel conversations?