

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for May 18, 2025  
That's a Great Question: How do we know  
God's will?



*Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week*

### ● CONNECT

- o What's a decision you made in the past where you really "wished" you had more clarity? (*Could be something funny, small, or serious—whatever you feel comfortable sharing.*)

### ● GROW

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

*3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

**Romans 12:1-8**

- o Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- o Paul begins with a strong appeal to offer our bodies as a "living sacrifice." What does that phrase mean to you? How is this connected to knowing God's will?
- o Verse 2 speaks about being transformed by the renewing of our minds. What do you think it looks like in practice to have your mind renewed?
- o What does this passage teach us about God's will? Is it something we discover, discern, or do?
- o Paul transitions quickly into a discussion of community and spiritual gifts. Why do you think this comes right after the teaching on discerning God's will?
- o How can serving in the body of Christ help us better understand who we are and what God desires for us?
- o **Expanding the Theme**
- o **Read John 6:30–42** - "This is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life."

- o In this passage, how does Jesus define or reveal God's will to the people?
- o Why do you think people still struggled to believe, even when they saw signs and heard truth?
- o What does this passage teach us about trusting God's will even when we don't fully understand it?
- o **Read Psalm 25:1–11** - “Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.”
- o What posture of the heart does David display in this psalm? How might that be important in discerning God's will?
- o What role do humility and teachability play in spiritual discernment?
- o How does God's character (faithful, merciful, loving) influence our trust in His guidance?

- **SERVE**

- Knowing God's will isn't only about big life decisions—it's about living transformed lives that bless others. This week, challenge each other with this question: “Where is one small place I can say ‘yes’ to God's will in how I serve or speak to someone else?”
  - o Ideas could include:
    - Encouraging someone with a word of affirmation.
    - Volunteering a skill or time for someone in need.
    - Listening well and offering prayer to a friend or coworker.
    - Practicing humility by giving someone else the benefit of the doubt.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**