

# OUTLINE • 6.1

- I. God has a specific plan for every person.
  - A. It's not hard to find His will for our lives, because He told us not to be ignorant but understand what the will of God is (Eph. 5:17).
  - B. Knowing God's will for our lives will allow us to set goals and help us persevere through difficulties.
  - C. There's a big difference between *finding* God's will and *following* it.
  - D. What I'm going to share in this study guide is really simple, but it's dependent upon us continuing to make ourselves living sacrifices and renew our minds with the Word of God.

- II. When we delight ourselves in the Lord, He puts His desires in our hearts.

*Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. [4] Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. [5] Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*

PSALM 37:3-5

- A. But this is not a free pass to get our hands on anything our flesh craves.
  - B. The Hebrew word that was translated "*delight*" in Psalm 37:4 literally means "to be soft or pliable" (*Strong's Concordance*).
  - C. So, to delight in the Lord means to commit our lives to Him, to the degree that we are seeking His will and ways.
  - D. I'm not saying that we have to live perfectly in order to be totally committed to God, but we should have a desire to live more for God than for ourselves.
  - E. When we try to live for God, which is what it means to delight ourselves in the Lord, then God will put His desires in our hearts—it's pretty simple.
  - F. Before we can trust our desires, we need to make sure that we're really delighting in the Lord.
  - G. If God isn't first in our lives, we can't depend on being led by the desires of our hearts—we will lust after things that aren't godly.
- III. I was brought up in a legalistic church, and when they taught on finding God's will, they actually said, "Whatever you want to do, do the exact opposite and that will be God."
    - A. I don't recommend following that advice, but this is true for carnal Christians—people who make satisfying their own needs the greatest priority in their lives.

- B. The Bible says, “*The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be*” (Rom. 8:7).
- C. So, it’s true that people who don’t pursue a relationship with God after they are born again can’t trust their desires.
- D. But everyone who is truly committed to God can be led by the desires of their hearts.
- E. For instance, I never wanted a Bible school; but God showed me a new way to approach Bible school, and in one church service, the desires of my heart changed completely.
- F. God just led me by changing my desires.
- G. Whenever my desires change suddenly like that and I think it might be God leading me in a new direction—especially if the potential consequences are big—I make sure that I am delighting myself in the Lord with all of my heart.
- H. As I seek God, the desire in my heart either increases or decreases.
  - i. If the desire gets smaller, I conclude that it was probably a carnal desire of my flesh.
  - ii. But if the desire keeps getting stronger and I start getting further revelation as I seek God with all of my heart, I know God is leading me.
- I. I promise you that this principle works.

# DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS • 6.1

1. Discussion question: Read Ephesians 5:17. Why is it so important to understand what the will of the Lord is?

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2. There's a big difference between \_\_\_\_\_ God's will and \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- A. Finding / following
  - B. Guessing / living
  - C. Discerning / ignoring
  - D. Loving / sharing
  - E. Embracing / heeding

3. True or false: Following God's will has nothing to do with making yourself a living sacrifice and renewing your mind with the Word of God.

4. Read Psalm 37:3-5. What happens when you delight yourself in the Lord?

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5. Discussion question: What does the definition of "*delight*" ("to be soft or pliable" [*Strong's Concordance*]) mean to you?

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6. True or false: You don't have to live perfectly in order to be totally committed to God.

7. What is the definition of a carnal Christian?

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8. Discussion question: Read Romans 8:7. What do you think are some attributes of a “*carnal mind*”?

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9. But everyone who is truly \_\_\_\_\_ to God can be \_\_\_\_\_ by the desires of their hearts.

10. How can you know that the desire in your heart is of God?
- A. By fasting and repeating the Lord’s Prayer
  - B. By delighting yourself in the Lord with all of your heart
  - C. By hoping and guessing
  - D. All of the above
  - E. None of the above

# SCRIPTURES • 6.1

**EPHESIANS 5:17**

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

**MATTHEW 7:7**

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

**PSALM 37:3-5**

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. [4] Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. [5] Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

**ROMANS 12:1**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

**PROVERBS 14:10**

The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

**ROMANS 8:7**

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

## OUTLINE • 6.2

- IV. Remove every restriction that is holding you back—now, what do you want to do?
  - A. The majority of people whom I have asked this question to say they are not doing what they really want to do; life is too short for that.
  - B. You don't get a second shot at life.
  - C. Your heart knows what your purpose in life is.
  - D. Every person I have ever counseled with had a dream of some kind, but they thought the desire was coming from them, so they dismissed it.
  - E. Most would rather have an angel appear to them, or a burning bush speak to them, and tell them what to do.
  - F. I'm not saying God doesn't speak to people in a voice that is heard like conversation, but it's not how He typically communicates.
  - G. Usually, it's as simple as putting God first in your life, seeking Him with your whole heart, and following the desires of your heart.
  - H. God didn't create you to trudge through life just trying to make ends meet—life is meant to be exciting.
  - I. Not everyone is supposed to be in full-time ministry, trying to reach millions of people, but everyone should be excited about the future and what they are doing.
  - J. God didn't create anyone to just occupy space.
- V. God doesn't want everybody to be full-time preachers or teachers, but He wants us all to be ministers of His love.
  - A. He wants all of us to live lives that make an impact for the kingdom of God—our lives should count.
  - B. The American dream of building our own personal empire is not God's dream.
  - C. Nobody lies on their deathbed and wishes for more possessions.
  - D. People regret that their lives didn't make a bigger impact, because life is all about relationships.
  - E. Whatever God's purpose for our lives is, somehow or another, it is going to relate to changing people.
  - F. No matter what God has called us to do, we can use His love and power to impact the lives around us.

VI. God is not likely to speak to you in an audible voice or appear to you in a visible form.

A. That's why it takes faith to follow God's leading.

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

HEBREWS 11:6

B. God delights in revealing Himself in subtle ways—He wants people to believe by faith.

C. He doesn't force His will on anybody.

D. If you are putting God first, then He has been trying to lead you by putting His desires in your heart, but you have to get out of the boat (Matt. 14:24-33).

E. Many believers are afraid of stepping out and following God's leading, yet they are miserable.

F. At least when you are out of the boat, you will be following God.

G. If you aren't totally sure, don't go full-steam ahead—move slowly.

H. Just start doing something.

I. It's better to take a step of faith and fail than to sit around doing nothing and call it success.

J. God can bless you doing the wrong thing—because you are trying to move in faith—more than He can bless you doing nothing out of fear, which is unbelief.

K. You don't have to make an all-out charge toward what God is leading you to do, if you aren't certain.

L. The Lord delights in faith, and when you begin to step out in faith, He will show Himself strong on your behalf (2 Chr. 16:9).

# DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS • 6.2

11. Discussion question: What do you really want to do?

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12. True or false: You get more than one shot at life.

13. What *didn't* God create you to do?

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14. True or false: God wants everybody to be full-time preachers or teachers.

15. Discussion question: What does it mean to live a life that makes an impact for the kingdom of God and make your life count?

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16. No matter what God has called you to do, you can use \_\_\_\_\_ love and power to impact the lives around you.

17. Why does it take faith to follow God's leading?

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18. Discussion question: Read Hebrews 11:6. Why do you think it is impossible to please God without faith?

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19. Discussion question: Read Matthew 14:24-33. What can you learn from Peter's experience of walking on water?

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20. It's better to do what?

- A. Play it safe and stay where you are than to take a chance and try something new.
- B. Take a step of faith and fail than to sit around doing nothing and call it success.
- C. Convince others to do the work of the ministry for you than to do it yourself.
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

## SCRIPTURES • 6.2

### **HEBREWS 11:6**

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

### **MATTHEW 14:24-33**

But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. [25] And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. [26] And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. [27] But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. [28] And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. [29] And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. [30] But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. [31] And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? [32] And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. [33] Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

### **2 KINGS 7:3-4**

And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? [4] If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

### **2 TIMOTHY 4:7**

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

### **2 CHRONICLES 16:9**

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

# OUTLINE • 7.1

- I. Moses was a great man of God—he pursued God’s will for his life with tremendous dedication, but he also made some major mistake along the way.
  - A. He had a revelation of God’s will for his life but not a clue how to fulfill it.
  - B. God preserved Moses through the time of infanticide in Egypt.
  - C. God sent Moses directly to Pharaoh to supply his upbringing, education, and training (Ex. 2:11-15).
  - D. Scripture shows that Moses knew his heritage as a Jew:

*In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father’s house three months: [21] And when he was cast out, Pharaoh’s daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. [22] And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. [23] And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.*

ACTS 7:20-23

- E. Moses didn’t “find” himself among the Jews accidentally when he saw the Hebrew man being beaten; it was in his heart to be there.
- II. Timing is everything!

*And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian: [25] For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.*

ACTS 7:24-25

- A. This verse makes it crystal clear that Moses knew God had called him.
  - B. He thought the Jews would recognize how God had anointed him to rescue them, but he totally missed God’s timing and plan.
  - C. This is a critical piece of information.
  - D. Finding out God’s will for our lives is absolutely imperative.
  - E. God’s will for our lives involves His timing.
  - F. It isn’t hard to imagine that Moses assumed it would be his position and power that would allow him to bring deliverance to the Israelites.
  - G. But God doesn’t rely on the strength of man.
  - H. God was going to deliver the Israelites in a miraculous way so there would be no mistaking *who* saved them.

- III. Preparation time is never wasted time.
- A. A lot of people stumble upon God's will and think, *Okay God, I can take it from here.*
  - B. Using their own wisdom, they cause tremendous problems in the body of Christ.
  - C. God is going to call you to do something that is absolutely beyond your natural ability.
  - D. He wants to do things in a supernatural way, so it testifies of His glory and people will recognize His love for them.
  - E. Moses initially made the mistake of trying to get it done on his own.
  - F. We are just as eager today to get things done instead of waiting around.
    - i. We justify our impatience—in violation of Scripture—because it's convenient.
  - G. We make newly born-again movie stars, athletes, and politicians the star representatives of Christianity; we think we can use their clout to promote the Gospel, but it all backfires when they fall.

# DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS • 7.1

1. It's important to know God's will for your life, but you also need to know what?

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2. True or false: According to Acts 7:20-23, it was Moses' idea to visit his brethren, the children of Israel.

3. True or false: Even though you can have the anointing of God on your life, you can still miss God's timing and plan.

4. Discussion question: Identify some times and situations in your life that you thought it only logical that the Lord would use your job or social position or status at church (i.e., being on the worship team) to accomplish mighty works. In what has that been true and not true?

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5. God was going to deliver the Israelites in a miraculous way so there would be no \_\_\_\_\_ *who* saved them.

6. Discussion question: Why do you think preparation time is never wasted time?

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7. God wants to do things in a supernatural way so it testifies of what?

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8. What will people recognize?
- A. His love for them
  - B. That He can squash them
  - C. A new formula to approach God
  - D. All of the above
  - E. None of the above

9. It was a mistake for Moses to initially do what?

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# SCRIPTURES • 7.1

## **EXODUS 1:15-16**

And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiprah, and the name of the other Puah: [16] And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.

## **MATTHEW 2:16**

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

## **EXODUS 2:11-15**

And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. [12] And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. [13] And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? [14] And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known. [15] Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

## **ACTS 7:20-25**

In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months: [21] And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. [22] And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. [23] And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. [24] And seeing one of them suffer wrong, defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian: [25] For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them; but they understood not.

## **GENESIS 15:13**

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years.

**GALATIANS 3:17**

And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

**EXODUS 12:40**

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

**ACTS 7:30**

And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-30**

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: [27] But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; [28] And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: [29] That no flesh should glory in his presence. [30] But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

**1 TIMOTHY 3:6**

Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.



## OUTLINE • 7.2

- IV. Moses may have observed all the Jews dying under harsh conditions in Egypt and thought, *If I don't do something now, a million people are going to die.*
  - A. That's the same logic we use when we let our needs and circumstances motivate us to do things contrary to how God has instructed us.
  - B. Moses' impatience delayed the Israelites' deliverance thirty years.
  - C. This is exactly how we act today—*I can't wait—people are dying and going to hell. I can't take time to go to Bible school or get prepared. I have to get out and start reaching people right now!*
  - D. There is a right way and a wrong way to go about accomplishing God's will.
  - E. God revealed His will to Moses ten years before he was supposed to deliver the Jews from Egypt to prepare him for what was ahead.
  - F. Throughout the Bible, *ten years would have been the least amount of time anybody spent in preparation to be used by God in a major way!*
  - G. God didn't send Moses into the desert; he went there because he committed murder trying to bring God's will to pass in his own strength.
- V. Do it God's way.
  - A. The moment most people get any kind of direction from God, *zoom*—they are gone!
  - B. You need the wisdom of God to be able to accomplish his will.
  - C. God may want you to do something in a way that is totally different from anything you have ever seen before.
  - D. Too many people copy other preachers.
  - E. God has a plan for *you*.
  - F. You'll only find out what God's leading you to do through personal relationship with Him.
- VI. God's way of doing things is different than your way (Is. 55:8-9).
  - A. From a worldly perspective, it makes sense to hoard when you are in need, but the Bible teaches to give.
  - B. Under God's anointing and leadership, everything is different.
  - C. God doesn't have a "one-size-fits-all" approach for building His kingdom.

- D. Other religions have systems, rules, and regulations; Christians have personal relationship.
- E. Every believer is God-possessed.
- F. The Holy Spirit will talk to you, teach you, and guide you.

*O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.*

JEREMIAH 10:23

## DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS • 7.2

10. Discussion question: When people see suffering, they often experience an intense desire to help, which can cause them to skip the right amount of preparation. What are some current situations that put this pressure on your emotions? How you are dealing with it? What are you currently doing to prepare for future work?

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11. Why would it be wrong to copy what other ministries have done?
- A. Even though you might succeed, no one will remember you if you are not unique
  - B. Copycats are a stink in God's nostrils
  - C. God may want you to do something in a way that is totally different from anything you have ever seen before
  - D. All of the above
  - E. None of the above

12. How do you find out what God is leading you to do?
- A. Asking your neighbor
  - B. Praying and going to communion
  - C. Living holy
  - D. Through personal relationship with Him
  - E. Praying in tongues at the same time every day

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13. True or false: "Doing things "God's way," according to His specific plan for you, means that every morning when you get up, you need to ask Him which side of the toast to butter.

14. True or false: According to Isaiah 55:8-9, God's ways are not the same as man's.

15. How is Christianity set apart from every other religions?
- A. Because it doesn't have as many rules and regulations
  - B. Because it's all about reincarnation
  - C. Because it has water baptism
  - D. Because you have a personal relationship with God
  - E. Because it appeals to your sensibilities

16. Discussion question: Why does Jeremiah 10:23 apply to believers as well as unbelievers?

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# SCRIPTURES • 7.2

## **ISAIAH 55:8-9**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. [9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## **LUKE 5:5**

And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

## **JEREMIAH 10:23**

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not man that walketh to direct his steps.

# OUTLINE • 8.1

- I. Moses blew it when he killed the Egyptian, but he recovered and eventually went on to accomplish God's will.
  - A. He never stopped seeking after God and trying to fulfill his purpose.
  - B. So, when he saw a bush that was burning but wasn't being consumed by the flames, he turned aside to investigate.

*Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. [2] And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. [3] And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. [4] And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.*

EXODUS 3:1-4

- C. It was only after Moses turned aside to check things out that the voice of God came to him.
  - D. This is how God operates: He delights in faith—we have to be looking for Him.
  - E. If Moses had not turned aside to inspect the burning bush, it's very possible God wouldn't have spoken to him.
  - F. God isn't hard to find; it's just that most of us are looking in the wrong places.
  - G. We have to seek Him with all of our hearts (Jer. 29:13), expecting to see Him intervene.
  - H. The truth is, we can do what God asks us to do, but we get intimidated or overwhelmed so we start saying that we can't.
  - I. With God's help and His anointing, we can do anything He asks us to (Phil. 4:13).
  - J. We won't find the beginning of God until we get to the end of ourselves.
- II. Moses was looking for an opportunity to get back and fulfill God's will, yet he had lost his self-confidence.
    - A. He still believed God was going to use him, but he had to realize he couldn't do it on his own.

*And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. [3] And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. [4] And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand.*

EXODUS 4:2-4

- B. God called Moses back and told him to pick the snake up by the tail.
- C. Picking up a serpent by the tail means you have no control.
- D. When God told Moses to pick up the snake by the tail, He was saying, “Show Me that you are willing to do it My way.”
- E. It’s a characteristic of fallen human beings to want to do things their own way.
- F. He has to get you to the place where you are no longer running the show but, rather, deferring to His wisdom.
- G. If you keep control of your own life, it will never have any more power than what you can put behind it.
- H. By becoming a living sacrifice and turning your life over to God, you will gain God’s strength.
- I. God may ask for everything you have, but He will give you everything He has in return.

# DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS • 8.1

1. You have to be \_\_\_\_\_ for God.
  - A. Looking
  - B. Working
  - C. Stealing
  - D. All of the above
  - E. None of the above

2. Which scripture tells you that you have to seek God with all of your heart?

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3. Discussion question: Are there any areas of your life where you have been intimidated or overwhelmed by what God has asked you to do that you have said you can't? If so, how do you plan to handle this?

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4. Discussion question: What does "you won't find the beginning of God until you get to the end of yourself" mean to you?

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5. What did Moses have to realize?

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6. True or false: Picking up a serpent by the tail means you have total control.



7. Discussion question: Have you experienced God asking you for something you have and giving you something in return? In what way?

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# SCRIPTURES • 8.1

## **EXODUS 3:1-6**

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. [2] And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. [3] And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. [4] And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. [5] And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. [6] Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

## **MARK 6:48**

And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

## **HEBREWS 11:27**

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

## **JEREMIAH 29:13**

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

## **EXODUS 3:11**

And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

## **ACTS 7:22**

And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

## **PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

**EXODUS 4:2-4**

And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. [3] And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. [4] And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand.

**EXODUS 4:20**

And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

## OUTLINE • 8.2

- III. Unless Jesus comes, every one of us is going to come to the end of our physical strength.
  - A. We just need to recognize that we cannot accomplish God's will in our own strength and power.
  - B. So, when God asks us to make a total surrender and yield to Him—whatever He wants us to do—we just need to do it.
  - C. Then we'll get His strength and power and be much better off.
- IV. The Israelites had just left Egypt, and they were camped in a valley with mountains on both sides of them, the Red Sea in front of them, and Pharaoh's army coming up behind them.

*Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. [13] And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. [14] The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.*  
EXODUS 14:12-14

- A. The situation didn't look promising from a logical standpoint.
- B. Moses was asking God to do a miracle—to do something to stop the Egyptians.
- C. This seemed reasonable given the situation, but God said, "Why are you crying unto Me? Take the rod, hold it out over the sea, and part the sea."

*And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: [16] But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.*  
EXODUS 14:15-16

- D. Basically the Lord was saying, "Take the authority I have given you and use it."
  - E. This is a word for us today: Our lives are not our own, Christ lives through us, and we need to use the power He has given us to improve our situation (Gal. 2:20).
  - F. It's true that we can't accomplish God's will in our own strength, but we have to balance that with the fact that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Phil. 4:13).
  - G. Without Christ, I can do nothing, but praise God, I'm not without Christ (Heb. 13:5)!
- V. Toward the end of their forty years in the wilderness, the Israelites were without water for a second time (Ex. 17:6).

- A. This time, the Lord told Moses to speak to the rock instead of striking it (Num. 20:8), but Moses struck the rock twice instead.
- B. The Lord told Moses that he would not live to enter into the Promised Land because of his disobedience in striking the rock (Num. 20:10-12).
- C. I believe the real issue here was Moses' self-will.
  - i. God told him to speak to the rock, but Moses thought it would be more dramatic to hit it.
  - ii. He was exerting his own wisdom and trying to do things his own way again.
- D. If God had failed to deal with Moses' self-will, the entire nation of Israel could have spent another forty years in the wilderness—God did this to protect Israel from Moses.
- E. We don't ever learn the lesson of humility completely: It's not like we have one encounter with the Lord and then never again have to deal with leaning on our own understanding or ability.
- F. Some people think everything in the Christian life is supposed to work perfectly after they believe, but it doesn't happen that way.
- G. *God uses us in spite of who we are, not because of who we are.*
- H. We need to lay our lives down before God—give Him control.
- I. God will take our offering and give us back His life and power in return.

# DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS • 8.2

8. What do you need to recognize?

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9. Discussion question: What does it mean to make a total surrender to God and yield to Him?

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10. True or false: The Lord told Moses that He would take care of everything and that Moses didn't have to do anything.

11. Discussion question: In what ways can you live out the ideas that your life is not your own, Christ lives through you, and you need to use the power He has given you to improve your situation (Gal. 2:20)?

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12. Without Christ, I can do nothing, but praise God, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 13:5)!

- A. Doing the best I can
- B. Not without the Word
- C. Not without the Law
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

13. Why didn't Moses live to enter into the Promised Land?

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14. Discussion question: Do you agree with the statement “We don’t ever learn the lesson of humility completely”? Why or why not?

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15. God uses you in spite of who you are, not \_\_\_\_\_ of who you are.

## SCRIPTURES • 8.2

### **EXODUS 14:12-16**

Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. [13] And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. [14] The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. [15] And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: [16] But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

### **GALATIANS 2:20**

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

### **JAMES 4:7**

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

### **PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

### **HEBREWS 13:5**

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

### **EXODUS 17:6**

Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

### **NUMBERS 20:8**

Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.



**NUMBERS 20:10-12**

And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? [11] And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. [12] And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:4**

And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

**HEBREWS 6:6**

If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

# OUTLINE • 9

- I. The Greek word for “*rule*” in Colossians 3:15 comes from our English word “umpire,” which means “to govern or arbitrate.”
  - A. We can understand this in the same way we understand the function of an umpire in baseball: Once the umpire makes the call, his decision is final; there’s no debate.
  - B. The peace of God should act just like an umpire in our hearts.
  - C. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, so we always have peace in our born-again spirits.
  - D. The Holy Spirit is constantly bearing witness in our hearts, but not always with words.
  - E. Sometimes we just feel peace, or a lack of it, about doing something.
- II. God will put a desire in our hearts, then it’s up to us to evaluate whether or not we feel peace about doing it—to confirm what is from God.

*Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.*

PSALM 46:10

- A. When we come to a fork in the road, we need to go in the direction we have the most peace.
- B. Instead of always talking when we pray, sometimes we need to be still and listen.
- C. People who aren’t seeking the Lord hate to be still.
- D. When we are still, a little homing device God has planted in all of us starts going off, making us think about our lives and question whether or not we are experiencing all there is.
- E. If we don’t have peace about where we are right now or where we are going, we need to start making some changes—we need to start taking small steps in the direction we have peace about.
- F. Sometimes the way we discern God’s will is by finding out what He *doesn’t* want us to do—like when He gives us a *holy dissatisfaction*.
- G. This is practical and can change our lives.
- H. I believe that most people who seek God’s will for their lives would discover significant direction simply by being still and allowing God’s peace to rule in their hearts.

# DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS • 9

1. The peace of God should rule like an \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart.
2. True or false: Regarding peace, God won't always use words to bear witness in your heart.
3. Discussion question: Have you ever experienced peace, or a lack of it, about doing something? Explain.

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4. When God puts a desire in your heart, what do you have to do?
  - A. Evaluate whether or not you feel peace about doing it—to confirm what is from God
  - B. First make sure everyone who is important to you in your life agrees with it
  - C. Check it against your to-do list, and trash it if it's not on there
  - D. Sleep on it
  - E. Ask God to give you a sign

5. Instead of always talking when you pray, you need to be \_\_\_\_\_ and listen.

6. Sometimes the way you discern God's will is by finding out what He \_\_\_\_\_ want you to do.

7. What is that like?

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8. Discussion question: What does it take for you to be still and let God's peace rule in your heart?

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# SCRIPTURES • 9

## **COLOSSIANS 3:15**

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

## **GALATIANS 3:22-23**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

## **PSALM 37:4**

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

## **PSALM 15:4**

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

## **PSALM 46:10**

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

# OUTLINE • 10.1

I. Based on 1 Corinthians 2:9, a large portion of the church has embraced the idea that we can never understand God or expect victory in this life.

A. But we shouldn't stop at this verse; we should keep reading:

*But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. [11] For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. [12] Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-12

B. Paul was saying that in ourselves, without the inspiration of God, we can't know His will.

C. These scriptures say that our born-again spirits have been infused with the knowledge of God—so we *can* understand the things of God.

D. The Bible says we have a special anointing, or power, from God and our spirits know all things (1 John 2:20).

E. Unless we know how to draw out the ways of God from our spirits, we will end up trying to discern God's will by judging circumstances.

II. Paul said, "*We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom of God*" (1 Cor. 2:7).

A. Paul says he drew the knowledge out of his spirit by speaking in tongues.

*For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.*

1 CORINTHIANS 14:14

B. When we speak in tongues, our spirits pray—the part of us that knows all things (1 John 2:20), is renewed in knowledge (Col. 3:10), and has the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).

C. Our minds don't understand what we are saying, but Paul tells us how to unravel the mystery:

*Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.*

1 CORINTHIANS 14:13

D. All we have to do is ask God to give us an interpretation of what we are praying from our spirits, and He will reveal to us the wisdom we are speaking in tongues.

E. Speaking in tongues isn't just for the purpose of prophecy or ministering to other people.

- III. Every born-again believer who is filled with the Holy Spirit has *the ability* to speak in tongues.

*And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.*

MARK 16:17

- A. It's not something you do one time in church in order to prove that you are filled with the Holy Spirit; it's something you should be doing on a regular basis.
  - B. You edify yourself when you speak in tongues (1 Cor. 14:4) and promote spiritual growth.
  - C. Speaking in tongues is an act of faith; it requires you to cross the barrier between carnal thinking and being focused on God—it is impossible for you to pray in tongues over a long period of time and keep your mind focused on carnal, ungodly things.
  - D. If you persist in speaking in tongues, your attention will shift to spiritual things—which bring life and peace (Rom. 8:6-7).
- IV. You can do something with your mind as you pray in tongues and still have perfect comprehension.
- A. The mind will wander while you are praying in tongues and start thinking of all sorts of things.
  - B. What helped me to focus my thoughts on God was to pray with my mind as I prayed with my spirit.
  - C. As I prayed, things would suddenly come to me.
    - i. I would think of people I hadn't thought of in years.
    - ii. So, I would pray for them with my mind—at the same time I was praying in tongues out of my mouth.
    - iii. I would call the person and talk to them, and each time, it was an answer to prayer.
  - D. *When you pray in tongues, God will speak to you and reveal things that you can't know with your physical mind.*

# DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS • 10.1

1. Discussion question: Why is it important to not build a doctrine around one verse but to keep reading?

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2. You can \_\_\_\_\_ the things of God.

3. Discussion question: How would you apply 1 John 2:20 to your life?

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4. Unless you know how to draw out the wisdom and power of God from your spirit, you will end up trying to discern how to follow God's will by what?

- A. What appeals to your mind and emotions most
- B. Advice from a pastor, prophet, or successful business man
- C. Choosing what appears to be the easiest or most practical way
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

5. How did Paul draw knowledge out of his spirit?

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6. What part of you prays when you pray in tongues?

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7. What do you have to do to interpret what you're praying from your spirit?

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8. True or False: Speaking in tongues isn't just for the purpose of prophecy or ministering to other people.

9. Read Mark 16:17. Every \_\_\_\_\_ who is filled with the Holy Spirit has *the ability* to speak in tongues.

10. True or false: Speaking in tongues is something you do one time in church in order to prove that you are filled with the Holy Spirit.

11. You should pray in tongues on a \_\_\_\_\_ basis.

12. Discussion question: What does "edify" and "promote spiritual growth" mean to you?

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13. Discussion question: What are some experiences that have demonstrated the power of praying in tongues in your life?

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14. Read Romans 8:6-7. What will happen if you persist in speaking in tongues?

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15. True or false: Your mind will wander while you are praying in tongues if you don't focus your thoughts on God.

16. Discussion question: Why do you think Andrew experienced what he did when he focused his thoughts on God while he prayed in tongues?

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# SCRIPTURES • 10.1

## **1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-12**

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. [10] But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. [11] For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. [12] Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

## **ISAIAH 55:8-9**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. [9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## **JAMES 1:5**

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

## **EPHESIANS 1:8**

Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence.

## **1 JOHN 2:20**

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

## **PSALM 32:8-9**

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. [9] Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

## **ISAIAH 30:21**

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

## **1 KINGS 19:12-13**

And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. [13] And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

**ACTS 16:9**

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

**ACTS 16:22-24**

And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. [23] And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: [24] Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

**COLOSSIANS 3:10**

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:16**

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-7**

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: [7] But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:19**

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-2**

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. [2] For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

**ACTS 17:6**

And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also.

**1 CORINTHIANS 14:13-14**

Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. [14] For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

**1 CORINTHIANS 14:27-28**

If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. [28] But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

**1 CORINTHIANS 14:18-19**

I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: [19] Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:30**

Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

**MARK 16:17**

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:14**

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

**1 CORINTHIANS 4:4**

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

**ROMANS 8:6-7**

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. [7] Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

## OUTLINE • 10.2

- V. Supernatural things happen when you pray in tongues—God will speak things to you.
  - A. Interpretation doesn't mean you pray in tongues one moment and then ask for an interpretation in English right after.
  - B. You will get a mental understanding of the things your spirit is praying; it's the hidden wisdom of God being drawn out into your natural awareness.
  - C. Even though I knew speaking in tongues was from God, I wasn't totally confident, until the morning I was able to minister to my friend from the power of God instead of from my own wisdom and understanding.
  - D. I know wisdom resides in my spirit, and I pray it out by speaking in tongues and receiving an interpretation—it results in supernatural revelation.
- VI. When Paul was converted, he didn't receive his revelation from the disciples, or any other man; he received it directly from God (Gal. 1:11-12).
  - A. He spent three and a half years praying in the desert to get his revelation (Gal. 1:17-19).
  - B. I believe he was praying in tongues and drawing that revelation out of his spirit.
  - C. As Paul prayed, God gave him a revelation of grace that is still transforming lives.
  - D. Paul had a greater revelation of the grace of God and true nature of Jesus than people who lived with Him because he received his revelation by the spirit—not by observation or intellect.
- VII. We aren't just natural beings; we are supernatural.
  - A. Many Christians feel powerless to make changes in their lives, but that isn't true—we have God's power and authority that Jesus purchased for us when He died on the cross.
  - B. Once we know who we are and how to release the power of God within us, sickness and poverty don't stand a chance.
  - C. I believe that praying in tongues is essential in releasing what's in our spirits.
- VIII. Many people don't understand how important praying in tongues is.
  - A. The devil has fought speaking in tongues because he knows how powerful it is.
  - B. The Bible specifically says, "*Forbid not to speak with tongues*" (1 Cor. 14:39).
  - C. First Corinthians 13:10 says that speaking in tongues will not pass away until that which is perfect has come.

- D. *“That which is perfect”* is our glorified bodies; therefore, that verse is saying that speaking in tongues will pass away when Jesus comes.
  - E. When we have our glorified, bodies we will no longer need to speak in tongues because our carnal nature will be gone.
  - F. Speaking in tongues empowers us to discern and follow God’s will.
  - G. When we spend time praying in tongues, getting our minds focused on the Lord and asking Him for wisdom, He will lead and guide us.
- IX. Now, let me put one qualification on this: Don’t pray in tongues and then assume that the first thought that comes to your mind is from God.
- A. It has to match up with the nature and the will of God as expressed through His Word.
  - B. When you first get started in discerning God’s leading, it’s a good idea to have mature Christians in your life who can help you judge whether or not the desires you have are from God.
  - C. As with all spiritual things, there is a maturation process involved in speaking in tongues.
- X. I promise you that praying in tongues merely during the time you spend commuting to work in your car can transform you.
- A. Pray in tongues instead of listening to junk on the radio talking about falling off of some bar stool, your dog leaving, losing your truck, or everything else.
  - B. Use that time to build yourself up and promote spiritual growth.

# DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS • 10.2

17. True or false: God will speak things to you when you pray in tongues.

18. What will you get when you ask for an interpretation?

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19. Another way to call this is what?

- A. Going with the first thought that springs to mind
- B. Just guessing
- C. A supernatural revelation
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

20. Andrew believes Paul was praying in tongues and drawing revelation out of his spirit that is \_\_\_\_\_ transforming lives.

21. Discussion question: What are some examples where God gave you revelation and it wasn't by observation or intellect?

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22. If you have God's power and authority that Jesus purchased for you when He died on the cross, what can you do?

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23. Discussion question: "Once we know who we are and how to release the power of God within us, sickness and poverty don't stand a chance." How has this been true in your life?

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24. What's essential in releasing what's in your spirit?

- A. The perfect opportunity
- B. Exercising
- C. What you eat
- D. Going to church
- E. Praying in tongues

25. According to 1 Corinthians 14:39, what shouldn't you do?

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26. True or False: Tongues must have passed away, since not everyone agrees concerning it.

27. Read 1 Corinthians 13:10. True or false: "*That which is perfect*" is your glorified body; therefore, that verse is saying that speaking in tongues passed away with the apostles.

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28. Speaking in tongues empowers you to what?

- A. Discern and follow God's will
- B. Discern and follow church culture
- C. Discern and follow a vision
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

29. Why shouldn't you assume that the first thought that comes to your mind is from God?

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30. Discussion question: Why do thoughts that come to your mind have to match up with the nature and the will of God as expressed through His Word?

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31. What is a good idea when you first get started in discerning God's leading?

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32. Praying in tongues merely during the time you spend commuting to work in your car can \_\_\_\_\_ you.

33. Discussion question: What are some examples from your life where praying in tongues, even if it was for a short time, has made a difference in your life?

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# SCRIPTURES • 10.2

## **GALATIANS 1:11-12**

But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. [12] For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

## **GALATIANS 1:17-19**

Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. [18] Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. [19] But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

## **1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-7**

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: [7] But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.

## **2 PETER 3:16**

As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

## **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

## **1 CORINTHIANS 6:19**

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

## **1 CORINTHIANS 14:39**

Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

## **1 CORINTHIANS 13:10**

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

## OUTLINE • 10.3

- XI. If you don't have this gift of speaking in tongues, you need it.
- A. God has placed Himself on the inside of every believer, but there's more to the Christian life than the initial born-again experience.
  - B. You need the baptism of the Holy Spirit in order to be an effective witness and flow in the gifts of the Spirit.
  - C. Jesus didn't want the disciples out on their own trying to advance His kingdom (Luke 24:49).
  - D. In every example in the book of Acts where the people received the Holy Spirit, it is either stated or implied that they spoke in tongues.
  - E. Speaking in tongues *is* the initial outward sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- XII. You don't need to "tarry" in order to be filled with the Spirit.
- A. Some churches teach that you have to get every sin out of your life before God will baptize you in the Holy Spirit, that God won't fill a dirty vessel, but God doesn't have any other kind of vessel to fill.
  - B. If you could get holy without the Holy Spirit—you wouldn't *need* the Holy Spirit.
  - C. Don't let some failure make you think God won't fill you with His Spirit.
- XIII. God made you so He could fill you with His power (1 Cor. 6:19), so there is no way He would refuse to give you the Holy Spirit.
- A. He wants to fill you with the Holy Spirit more than you want to be filled.  
  
*If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? [12] Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? [13] If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*  
  
LUKE 11:11-13
  - B. You don't need to beg and plead for God to baptize you with the Holy Spirit—you just have to be born again.
  - C. If you are born again, God wants you to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, and you need it.
  - D. You don't have to speak in tongues—you *get* to.
- XIV. I guarantee that you are going to need the baptism of the Holy Spirit to find, follow, and fulfill God's will for your life.

- A. The Holy Spirit will guide you and show you things coming down the pike (John 16:13).
  - B. He is your Teacher (John 14:26).
  - C. You need His power in your life to accomplish God's plans for you.
- XV. One thing you need to understand about speaking in tongues is that the Holy Spirit inspires the words, but *you* have to speak them (Acts 2:4).
- A. The Holy Spirit isn't going to take control of your body and speak for you.
  - B. It's an act of faith.
  - C. If I prayed and asked God to speak through me and to not let me say anything wrong—and then just opened my mouth and waited on Him to make it move—nothing would happen.
  - D. Don't worry about what it sounds like.
  - E. Just like a parent who knows what their child is trying to say, your heavenly Father listens to your heart and loves that you are trying to communicate with Him from your spirit.
  - F. *God is going to give you the Holy Spirit when you ask*, so you only need to ask once.
  - G. Trust that He has given you the Holy Spirit, whether you feel anything or not.
  - H. Say this prayer one time and then begin to thank Him for filling you with the Holy Spirit:

*Father, I thank you that I am the temple of the Holy Spirit. I now open up the doors of this temple. Holy Spirit, I welcome You to come fill me and give me supernatural power. I welcome You to renew my mind so that I can think supernaturally instead of naturally and see Your power released into my life. And I ask for this gift of speaking in tongues. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

# DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS • 10.3

34. If you don't have this gift of speaking in tongues, you \_\_\_\_\_ it.
35. True or false: It would have been fine if the disciples had gone out on their own trying to advance Jesus' kingdom.
36. In the book of Acts, people recognized the infilling of the Spirit because of what?
- A. They stopped to take communion
  - B. Halos floated over the peoples' heads
  - C. They were slain in the spirit
  - D. They spoke in tongues
  - E. They knew the holy hand shake
37. Discussion question: Why don't you need to "*tarry*" to be filled with the Spirit?
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38. True or False: You have to get every sin out of your life before God will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.
39. Don't let some failure make you \_\_\_\_\_ God won't fill you with His Spirit.
40. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19. God \_\_\_\_\_ you so He could fill you with His power.
41. In order for God to baptize you with the Holy Spirit, you just have to be what?
- A. Hungry
  - B. Educated
  - C. Born again
  - D. All of the above
  - E. None of the above
42. God wants you to be filled with \_\_\_\_\_,  
and you \_\_\_\_\_ it.
43. You don't have to speak in tongues—you \_\_\_\_\_ to.

44. Discussion question: Why do you think the Holy Spirit is essential find, follow, and fulfill God's will?

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45. True or false: The Holy Spirit inspires words, but it's best to hear them in your head and then whisper them to yourself.

46. Read Acts 2:4. Who began to speak with other tongues?

- A. The Holy Spirit
- B. The mute man
- C. Everyone in Jerusalem
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

47. Discussion question: Why is it more important that God knows what you are trying to say rather than you "getting all the words right" in tongues?

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48. God is going to give you the Holy Spirit when you \_\_\_\_\_.

49. Why do you need to trust that God has given you the Holy Spirit when you ask?

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# SCRIPTURES • 10.3

## **ACTS 1:8**

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

## **LUKE 24:49**

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

## **1 CORINTHIANS 6:19**

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

## **LUKE 11:11-13**

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? [12] Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? [13] If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

## **JOHN 14:16-17**

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [17] Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

## **JOHN 16:13**

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

## **JOHN 14:26**

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

## **ACTS 2:4**

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:14**

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.