

Week 2: We believe God's ways are always best.

INTRODUCTION:

In life, and as expressed in the Scriptures, there are always and only two options: God's way and every other way. Thankfully, God has spoken throughout history and we have been entrusted with His perfect Word, the Bible, to know what His ways are. When we follow the path that God has laid out for us, we believe there will be no regrets because He has our best interest in mind. It's only when we decide to do things our own way that we find ourselves in places that we don't want to be.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What crazy/outrageous acts have you done to express your love for another person?
2. Can you think of a time where you purposefully gave wrong advice to someone you loved? Why or why not?
3. What crazy/outrageous acts has God done to express His love for you?
4. Would God ever give you wrong direction in life? Why/Why not?
5. Read Psalm 139:16. Does the fact that God knows the past, present, and future, make it any easier to trust Him in His directions?
6. Of all the Christian commandments (God's direction) that you have heard, which ones have been the hardest for you to follow? Why?
7. Read Matthew 7:24-28. What does it mean to have a foundation built on rock? What does it mean to have a foundation built on sand?
8. When you read this passage, do you hear the parable as a source of comfort, as a warning sign, as an explanation of why life seems out-of-sync, or some combination of all three?

9. Read Psalm 25:1-15. How would you describe David's faith and his view of God and His ways.
10. Read John 10:7-11. Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly. Have you ever felt like God was "out to get you" or "had turned His back on you?" How would these verses be a comfort in such times?
11. At the end of the day, it comes down to answering this question: "Who are you going to trust?" Do you trust that Jesus really loves you and knows what is best for you, or do you prefer to do things your own way? Why can/do you trust Him?
12. Has there ever been a time when you regretted obeying Jesus?
Has there ever been a time when you regretted disobeying Jesus?
13. As our culture continues to change, what obstacles do you see us as a church facing when it comes to holding this belief: "God ways are always best"?
14. What would our church look like if we were fully surrendered to doing things God's way?
15. How does the Gospel help us better understand and live out the following statement?
"God's ways are always best"

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

You can attend church and experience great music and informative sermons, but these things are not life-changing. Obedience to Christ makes all the practical difference in the outcome of your life. What areas of your life do you need to surrender in obedience to Christ?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Memorize Proverbs 3:5-6:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.