Study Guide

Vour Will be Done	
Your Will be Done	
SESSION GOALS	
The point of every session is a main idea with the goal of what we want to walk away from the discussion with —knowing, feeling and doing.	
MAIN IDEA: When we pray for God's will to be done, it is an act of surrender and submission, as His will may not coincide with our own.	
Head Change: To realize that praying for God's will to be done in our lives involves giving up control over our own agendas for ourselves. Heart Change: To joyfully submit and surrender to God's will, recognizing that His will for us is ultimately better than what we have planned for ourselves. Life Change: To be transformed by a lifestyle of conceding to God's will.	

OPEN	
Think of a need that you've been praying for. Why do you want this prayer to be answered? What is the alternative? How would you respond if Jesus never	
answered this particular prayer of yours? Write a note	
to God expressing your feelings about the unanswered prayer.	
Popular thought and culture teach us that we are in	
control of our own destiny. To accomplish what we want, we only need to work hard enough. Of course, hard	
work and perseverance are admirable qualities and	
wanting a desire to be fulfilled is neither wrong nor unbiblical. We should however be clear that what we	
want for ourselves is what God would want for us.	
In this session, Ranjit examines how asking for God's will	
to be done in our lives is far from being a passive	
process. It is a collaborative one, where we work alongside God to accomplish His best for us.	
As you watch, write down how Ranjit David answers these questions.	
What is the purpose of prayer?	
What are the two ways in which we can understand	
God's will?	
What are some of the emotions with which we pray for	
God's will to be done?	
Why do we struggle to pray this prayer?	
WATCH	
SESSION 4: Your Will Be Done (10 minutes)	

REVIEW	
Ranjit says that when we pray, we don't just affirm that God is central, but we <i>make</i> God central in our lives. What do you think the difference is? In what ways is God central in your life and in what ways can you make Him	
central to your life?	
Ranjit distinguishes between two types of will—the sovereign will and the revealed will. How do you understand the difference? Which of these wills do you	
find yourself struggling with and why?	
When we know God's will, why do you think we struggle to align ourselves with it? What are some of your fears	
as you try to fall in line with God?	
If God has willed it, is there any point in praying about it? What is the place of prayer and petition when God's will has already been revealed?	
Ranjit points out that praying for God's will to be done can often go against the very core of our being. Have	
you faced this struggle in your own life? How does this session encourage you to respond?	
In what way is praying for God's will to be done a "place of discipleship"?	
Praying for God's will to be done in our lives and truly	
meaning it can often open the door for more pain, discomfort, material loss and control of our lives. How	
will you respond to this truth?	

BIBLE EXPLORATION	
Read Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:36 and Luke 22:42, Mark 11:24, James 5:16. Do you think Jesus' prayer was answered?	
How do you reconcile the answer to Jesus' prayer with His words in Mark 11:24?	
What do these verses teach you about prayer and submission to God's will?	
Skim through 1 Kings 18, Genesis 18: 16—33, Jonah 4, Exodus 32:1—14, Numbers 23:19, 1 Samuel 15:29. In the books of Numbers and 1 Samuel, we are told that God does not change His mind. And yet, in each of these examples, it would appear that God did change His mind. How do you explain this seeming discrepancy? Do our prayers change the outcome that God has planned?	
In the light of the session we just heard, do you think the instances cited here are God's sovereign will or His revealed will?	
What recurring ideas do you find in these stories?	
What is the role of the mediator? Whom is God calling you to mediate for?	
LAST WORD	
Praying for God's will to be done and really meaning it can be painful. After all, crucifying the self is not an easy task. As you struggle to accept God's will and make sense of it, remember that God is sovereign. He sees the beginning from the end. While prayer does very often bring a change in our situation, it could also change the person making the prayer.	

LIVE II OUT	
Select at least one activity below to complete before watching the next session.	
Pray: Pray that over the course of the rest of this study, God will reveal or confirm His will in a certain situation	
for you or for a loved one.	
Meditate: Think back to a time when God did not answer your prayer but looking back, you find that this	
apparent lack of answer was in fact the perfect answer.	
Memorize: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and Micah 6:8.	

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