#### Recognizing God's Will for Your Life

**Key Theme:** God has a plan for each of us. Even in uncertainty, storms, or suffering, His will is at work. Recognizing His plan requires trust, faith, and a surrendered heart.

#### **Opening Question:**

- Have you ever been unsure about what God wanted you to do in a situation?
- How do you usually seek direction when making big decisions?
- What do you think it means to walk in God's will?

(Transition: Recognizing God's will isn't always about seeing the whole picture, but trusting His leading. Let's explore this in Scripture.)

#### 1. Scripture Focus: God's Sovereign Plan

Romans 8:28-30 (NLT)

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them..."

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What does this verse teach us about God's plan for our lives?
- How do we see God's purpose even in difficult situations?
- What do you think it means to be "called according to His purpose"?

**Point to Make:** God already knows us, has chosen us, and is working out His plan—even when we don't understand it.

#### 2. Scripture Focus: Trusting God in Uncertainty

# Mark 4:38-41 (NLT)

Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"

<sup>39</sup>When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What do the disciples' reaction to the storm reveal about their trust in Jesus?
- How do storms (trials) test our faith in God's plan?
- Can you recall a time when you faced uncertainty but later saw God's hand in it?

**Point to Make:** Storms don't mean God's plan has changed. The challenge is to trust His sovereignty even when life feels out of control.

**Something to Remember:** When you become aware of God's plan for your life, you understand—you're not just struggling or suffering for nothing! Every trial, every storm, every tear has a purpose. You're not running aimlessly; there's a starting line, and there's a finish line. The God who called you at the starting line is the same God who will carry you through to the finish line.

## 3. Living It Out: Seeking and Surrendering to God's Will

# Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What does it mean to trust God "with all your heart"?
- Why is it hard to let go of our own understanding?
- How can we actively seek and surrender to God's direction daily?

**Point to Make:** Following God's will requires trust, obedience, and surrender. His plan is already in motion, and when we acknowledge Him, He directs our steps.

# **?** Closing Thoughts & Challenge:

- Reflect on a time when God led you, even when you didn't recognize it in the moment.
- This week, spend intentional time in prayer, asking God to reveal His will.
- Read His Word with an open heart and open bible, trusting His guidance in your decisions.

God had a plan before your storm, before your uncertainty, and He still does. Will you trust Him in it?