

Small Group Notes – Sunday September 23rd, 2018

The Lord's Prayer – 'Your will be done'

Welcome

From your experience, what makes a good boss and what makes a bad one?

Worship

Read Psalm 24 together and then use it as a springboard for a time of praise and worship of 'the Lord Almighty'

Word – The Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6 v 9-13 – 'Your will be done'

A hard prayer to really pray wholeheartedly and unreservedly:

Barrier	Antidote
Control – giving control away...to God	God's sovereignty
Doubt – does God want what's best for me?	God's love, displayed primarily in Jesus dying for us
Pain – God's will may include pain and suffering	God's presence
Danger – challenging the status-quo	God's promise - victory

1. In your own words, how do you understand 'God's will' for your life?
2. How do we discern God's will for us?
How can we test / confirm God's will for us?
(e.g...1 Samuel 3:14; Luke 11:9, 28; Proverbs 3:5-6; 10:31-32; Acts 15:1-2)
3. How do we know that we can trust God?
How can we grow in our knowledge and love of Him?
How should this help us to pray 'your will be done'?
4. Knowing God's will and doing God's will are two separate things.
What things hinder you from doing God's will?
What things help you do God's will?
5. 'We walk by faith and not by sight' (2 Corinthians 5 v 7)
How does this statement relate to doing God's will?
How can we encourage one another to walk by 'faith' when we are wanting the certainty of 'sight'?

Prayer

Pray for a growing confidence in the goodness of God and readiness to pray 'your will be done' – for one another, for our church leaders

Pray for an openness to the gospel in friends, family, colleagues and for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with them. Pray for people by name.