

## Remembering the Forgotten God Leader Guide Session 6: Forget About His Will for Your Life!

### Group Discussion:

1. Why might it be safe to commit to following “God’s will for your life” rather than following God in what He may lead you to do today?

There’s nothing wrong with pursuing what God would have you do with your life, but sometimes we get so scared about missing our calling for the future that we become paralyzed in the present. God does have a plan for each of our lives, but He has never promised to reveal that plan to us in advance.

2. The video poses an important question: If you were absolutely, 100 percent submitted to the will of God at this moment, what do you think He might ask you to do?

Read 8:1-13. According to Romans 8, the difference between trying and failing, and truly obeying God has everything to do with following the Spirit’s leading.

3. In verse 5-8, Paul talks about the difference between the mind set on the flesh and the mind set on the Spirit. Think about this difference. Give an example of what each type of person looks like.
4. Look at verse 9-13. What things does Paul mention that set the Spirit – filled person apart?
5. What do you think it means to “by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body” (vs. 13)?

Paul refers to this process of following the Spirit’s leading as walking “according to the Spirit” in Romans 8:4 and walking “by the Spirit” in Galatians 5:16 and 25. The concept of walking is so basic that perhaps you’ve never considered what walking entails. Think about how simple it is: You don’t have to know exactly where you’re going; it doesn’t require any planning; all you have to do is put one foot in front of the other. Really, the only way to walk is one step at a time.

We can get so caught up on the big picture that we lose sight of the fact that God is simply calling us to walk. It won’t necessarily be easy, but we can always put one foot in front of the other.

6. Think about the analogy of walking. Practically, what would it mean for you to walk by the Spirit in your daily life?

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There is a real difference between adding the Spirit to your life and actually following Him minute by minute. If you add the Spirit to your life, you're not open to change; you just want to enhance what you're already doing. This is not what the Spirit came to do.

On the other hand, if you being following the Spirit's leading in your life, you will find yourself changing. The Spirit may prompt you to let go of things that were once important to you. He may even call you to give up some good things in your life, at least for a time, in order to accomplish His purpose in and through you.

7. The thought of being called to give things up may be scary, but honestly answer this question: Which is more frightening to you, giving up everything you own, or going through life on your own without the Holy Spirit? Why do you say that?

Sometimes we get the impression that being Spirit-filled doesn't require continued action. It's important to recognize that being filled with the Spirit is not a one-time act.

8. Though we might wish that being Spirit-filled were as easy as an event, what are the benefits of maintaining an ongoing relationship with the Holy Spirit?
9. Identify a particular sin in your life. What would it look like to be Spirit-led in a moment of temptation?

We all know people who are daily walking by the Spirit. These people are actively maintaining their relationship with God and constantly opening themselves to follow the Spirit's leading, whatever that may mean. The most difficult part is the daily maintenance.

10. Think about some of these mundane daily activities. In which of these are you prone to do your own thing without considering how the Spirit might lead you?
11. How can you turn these activities into opportunities to follow the Spirit's leading?
12. We have a tendency to try to do the Spirit's work in our own strength. Practically, how can you do the work of the Spirit through the power of the Spirit?
13. Spend some time in prayer. Ask God what He wants you to do – not in five years, but right now, today. Pray for strength to follow the Spirit's leading in whatever He may be calling you to do.