



Sermon Discussion Guide

May 31 & June 1, 2025

"How Can I Know God's Will for My Life?"

[Romans 12:1-2](#)

10 Big Questions About the Christian Life is a sermon series inviting us to wrestle with the most important questions of faith that shape how we live every day. Each week explores a key question that draws us deeper into God's truth and calls us to live out the hope of the resurrection. This series challenges us to move from belief to action, building a faith that transforms both our lives and the world.

PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [hopeonline.tv](#). Did you have any ah-ha moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

GROW

Read [Romans 12:1-2](#) – "A Living Sacrifice to God"

- How does the idea of surrendering your whole self to God challenge or encourage you?
- Why does Paul link worship to offering our bodies, not just our voices or time?
- How does God's will being "good, pleasing, and perfect" reshape your view of obedience?
- How did Pastor Amanda's description of a "living sacrifice" apply to everyday decisions, not just big life moments?

Read [Genesis 2:15](#) – "The Man and Woman in Eden"

- How do you feel when you hear that God placed Adam in the garden to work and take care of it?
- How does the sermon connect this verse to discerning God's will in everyday routines? What small step could you take this week to view your tasks as part of your calling rather than just chores?
- Have you ever found purpose or peace while doing something ordinary, like tending a garden or managing responsibilities?
- In the sermon, Pastor Amanda mentioned how God gives us a role and place on purpose. How does that challenge the idea that we need to constantly search for a "greater" calling? Who in your life could use encouragement to see value in their current season?

Read [Matthew 22:37-39](#) – "The Most Important Commandment"

- When you hear Jesus say the greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, what emotions does that stir (comfort, pressure, inspiration)? What does it reveal about what matters most in life?
- Why does Jesus pair love for God with love for others? What does that teach us about the nature of true devotion?
- When has loving others been a challenge for you, even when you were trying to follow Jesus?
- Pastor Amanda emphasized that God's will is often less about what we do and more about how we love. How can you bring this commandment into a specific relationship that feels strained or distant?

Read [Luke 9:23](#) – "Jesus Predicts His Death"

- What thoughts rise up when you hear Jesus say "take up your cross daily"? Does it sound burdensome, inspiring, or confusing?
- What does it look like to choose God's way over your own in a real decision this week?
- What's one cross you're being invited to carry right now and what support do you need?
- Pastor Amanda said following Jesus means making a daily decision to trust his path—how does that reshape your idea of purpose?

APPLY

Pick one of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- **Reflect daily:** Take five minutes each day this week to pause, pray, and ask God: "What does it look like to follow you today?" Write down one small step of obedience and commit to doing it before the day ends.
- **Clarify your calling:** Use three questions (What do I love? What am I good at? What do others need?) and prayerfully journal through each one. Invite God to highlight one area where your purpose and his will might align more clearly.
- **Live it out boldly:** Choose one specific way to follow God's will this week that stretches your comfort zone. Whether it's serving someone sacrificially, starting a hard conversation, or surrendering control in a key area, trust that God will meet you in your step of obedience. Then share that experience with someone you trust to encourage mutual growth.