



God of my iPhone

Small Group Work Sheet
September 25, 2011

Part 1 - Ice Breaker

- Share a time when God changed your well laid plans.

Part 2 - Sermon Review

- What was the problem with the plans these Christians made for their lives?
- What is the difference in the attitude between making plans and asking God to bless them versus asking God for his plans and helping you to follow them? How do you approach planning your life?
- How do we discover God's will for our life?
- Instead of getting angry when God submits our calendars to his master calendar for our life, how should we respond?
- What is vapor theology?
- What does Nebuchadnezzar teach us about where our abilities and achievements come from?
- What does Esther teach us on why God gives us the gifts, skills or financial position we have?
- Share a time when you knew the right thing to do but chose not to do it.
- What is one thing from the message you want to apply this week?

Part 3 - Digging Deeper

Having seen the foolishness of announcing what we are going to do tomorrow or next year without reference to God's will, James give us a godly alternative "Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that'" The expression, "if it is the Lord's will..." has become immensely popular at different times in church history.

The Puritans loved it and fill their speech and correspondence with the Latin equivalent *Deo Volente*, "God willing." The Methodists followed the same practice. In the past, many godly Methodists signed their letter with the initials D.V., and even signs about coming events had D.V. on them.

I wonder if the reason we don't use D.V. today is not so much the fear of a cliché but our rejection of God's right to sovereignty over our daily affairs.

While we may not choose to sign our correspondence with the initials D.V. after our name, nevertheless, those initials need to be written over our heart as we plan our schedules, find a mate and use our time.