

Discussion Guide for "Love God with All Your Mind" [w]hole Week 3

We struggle to discern God's will, as though it is a deep mystery. But learning to see the world from God's perspective is how we love God with our minds. To learn to see "upside down", we immerse ourselves in the Scriptures. They provide a God's-eye view of the world, of our neighbors and of us. God's will is not difficult to discern. God wants us to see from God's point of view.

Scriptures for Further Reading

Mark 12:28-31 Romans 12:1-2 Philippians 2:5-8 1 Peter 1:12-15

Passage for Sacred Reading:

A sacred reading is a method of reading Scripture that invites God to speak to us through the text. If you have never done a sacred reading, <u>here is a simple step-by-step guide</u>. This week's passage is Romans <u>12:1-21</u>.

Questions for Discussion

- 1. How well do you think you know God's will? Why is this something many people struggle to know?
- 2. Why do we assume God's views align with ours? Why is this dangerous?
- 3. In the New Testament, "mind" is not about intelligence, but perspective. What does it mean to say that God's perspective is "upside down" from ours?
- 4. Reread Philippians 2:5-8. What aspects of Jesus' attitude challenge you?
- 5. Have you ever used Sacred Reading (Lectio Divina) to read Scripture? How does this help us understand God's perspective?
- 6. Reread 1 Peter 1:12-15. How can you prepare your mind for action this week?