Growth Assignment

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Is God Good? Led by the Spirit

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (I don't lack anything)

- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Psalm 23: 1 – 3 (ESV)

Romans 8: 14 (NLT)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Life is full of decisions: What job? What school? Which friends? Decisions can be stressful because they all have consequences, but God wants to lead us in the right paths using the Bible as a roadmap and His Spirit as our personal guide. God's will for us may seem hidden because we often look for the wrong things and let the wrong influences lead us.

1 John 3: 7 (NLT)

Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous.

- 1. Peer pressure can lead us the wrong way and cause us to miss God's plan. Think about a time when you felt peer pressure took precedence over doing what was right, or a time when you rejected peer pressure. What was the outcome?
- 2. We must not follow friends who are not led by God, so why does God want us to have non-believers as friends?

Proverbs 14: 12 (ESV)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

3. We can experience anger, depression, or panic in real and intense ways, though these feelings are temporary. What actions can we take to prevent ourselves from making rash choices in the midst of an intense emotion?

Isaiah 53: 6 (NLT)

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own.

- 4. How might your life goals or your daily routine change if you spent more time studying God's Word or seeking the leading of God's Spirit starting in the morning and continuing throughout the day?
- 5. We know that God's will is found in his Word and his will never contradicts his Word. What are some reasons that people may forget to search Scripture during difficult times?

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

6. Think of a time when you prayed for direction and God answered unmistakably through your daily devotion or Scripture reading, a sermon you heard, or through something said by a fellow Christian.