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## The Will to Know

John 7:14-36



1. Reflect on Pastor's sermon Sunday by reading John 7:14-36 and writing down several truths that come from this passage from Pastor Dave's sermon coupled with your own time of study:
2. One of the most practical truths taught by Jesus in John 7:14-36 is found in 7:17, "If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking of my own authority." Jesus is saying, "the key to learning is the willingness to obey." The desire to do God's will make you a capable student of God's Word! A number of Scriptures speak to this important truth, so study the passages below and write down any insight connecting obedience to understanding:
  - James 3:13-17
  - Colossians 1:9,10
  - Proverbs 1:7
  - Psalm 25:14
  - Psalm 111:10
  - Psalm 119:99,100
3. Spiritual intelligence is a function of the heart more than the intellect. The key to applying John 7:17 hinges on the word "willing". Mark how many times the word "will" is used in this one verse. Notice your will as compared to God's will - What would it look like before God to be willing to do God's will? Write down 3-5 actions that would demonstrate to God that you are willing to do God's will because you desire to understand God's Word. Then write down an action plan and share it with your Group this week to help hold you accountable.
4. As a devotional thought to wrap up our study of knowing and doing God's will re-read John 7:14-36 and make note of phrases that speak to Jesus' personal desire to do His Father's will (also locate other Scriptures in the Gospel of John and the NT). Along with that meditate upon Acts 4:13 and write down the significance of that verse in light of today's study upon your personal life:

Connection Card Next Steps: Memorize Psalm 199:99,100

I have a desire to know God's will for my life so I commit to obey God in an area I know He wants me to be obedient in today.

I no longer want to put second things first - I want to pursue Christ this week through quiet time in the Word and hearing from God.