

**Sermon Series: *Learning to Listen: for God's Voice & For God's Will***

**Message Summary:** If there's one thing people want to know; it is God's will for their lives. If only they knew it, they would follow it—and all would be well. But because they don't know it or aren't sure about it, they live a life of uncertainty. "Am I doing the right thing?" "Am I marrying the right person?" "Am I making the right decision?" They don't know because they aren't sure what God wants them to do. In truth, God is more eager to reveal His will to us than we are to receive it.

## **Learning to Listen for God's Will**

Romans 12:1,2

### **1. Prayer:**

"A Living Sacrifice" Begin by getting your heart ready to do the Lord's will.

### **2. Word:**

"Renew my mind" Seek the Will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the Word of God.

### **3. Reflection:**

"Prove the good and acceptable" Take into account providential circumstances.

Results: Through prayer to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is at peace, and continues so after two or three more prayer petitions, I proceed accordingly. In trivial matters, and in transactions involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective.

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### **LifeGroup Questions**

BEGIN IT (5min) – Time spent in praise and opening prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) – What skills or qualities are necessary to play a team sport well?

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Read Romans 12:1,2 and review Sunday's sermon outline together. Stop at each point allowing people to share their additional comments or notes taken while listening to the sermon.

1. In Romans 12:1,2 what is the most reasonable response to God's great mercy?
2. What right does God have to ask us for a full-life commitment to Him? Explain.
3. To what worldly lifestyles or values do we typically conform?
4. How does understanding God's love raise our self-esteem?
5. How does God want us to respond to Him when seeking His will for our life?

APPLY IT (15min) – What did God reveal to you in the sermon or among your discussion group? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?