

**GAME CHANGER**

February 2-3, 2019  
Panel Discussion

**WARM-UP**

When playing games or participating in a contest or event, which category would you put yourself in. Share examples with the group.

- A real 'cut-throat' – win at all costs
- Take it or leave it. Doesn't matter if I win or lose. Accept any outcome.
- Would rather let someone else win. Willing to throw the game so someone else wins.

**INTRODUCTION**

The questions fielded by the panel this week dealt with the Bible and Theology and with Relationships and Culture.

How would you define 'Theology'?

Why is it important for a believer to know what they believe?

We often base our ideas or beliefs about things in our life from personal experiences or what we have heard or been told (i.e. our preferences in vehicle brands, etc). Why is this not enough to back up our beliefs about God?

**Read 1 Peter 3:13-17**

- What advice does Peter impart that communicates the need for this knowledge to be personal?
- Why would it be necessary to examine our culture and practices along with the culture and practices of those around is in seeking God's answers to questions we may have?

**BIBLE APPLICATION****Read Romans 14:10-23**

- What does God's Word say about how Christian believers should live with other believers?

- Some use these verses as a 'free ticket' to do whatever they want, stating that 'they don't feel it is wrong, so therefore it can't be'. Why is this dangerous thinking? What are some activities that are expressly forbidden in Scripture that this passage would not apply to? (for some examples, see **Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 6**)

**Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

- What truth is found in these verses?
- Why is this important when we are seeking answers in God's Word?
- What would be the importance of looking at God's Word prayerfully and personally to better understand what he says about a situation, circumstance or belief.

**Read Galatians 1:6-10 and Titus 1:10-11,15-16**

- What caution is given to us when we are seeking what God says about a situation or circumstance? Where should we be seeking answers?

**NEXT STEPS / ACTION**

Read through the following passages. What do they say about what steps Believers/Christians can take to discover what God says about something or what God's will is in a given situation.

- **Proverbs 3:5-6**
- **Romans 12:1-2**
- **Proverbs 11:14**
- **1 Peter 4:10**
- **John 10:27**
- **Psalms 37:4-5**



## PERSONAL GROWTH & NEXT STEPS

If you still have questions about any of the subjects that were discussed this past week in church or have other questions to which you are seeking answers, seek out godly counsel to help you determine what God says. Discuss them with your group who can help you find the answers.

### PRAYER

Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit, giving you wisdom and discernment to know and understand what his will is for your life. Pray that he will reveal to you the truth of what his Word says and give you opportunities to share that with someone this week.

### At-home personal study

If you haven't already started, spend time meditating on the Holy Spirit -- Acts Reading Plan collectively with other members of Red Cedar Church through the month of February. For a printable version, visit [www.redcedarchurch.com/#nextsteps](http://www.redcedarchurch.com/#nextsteps)

### GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS

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### NEXT STEPS TO FULL LIFE

Serving is a great way to get to know other believers, build relationships and grow in your relationship with other believers and God, through Christ and the Holy Spirit. There are opportunities in a variety of areas at Red Cedar to use the gifts, the talents, that God has given you to serve.

- Children's ministry (Birth-Grade 5)
- Next Generation (Grades 6-12)
- Prayer
- Hospitality (coffee -free & café, greeter, etc)
- Leading a small group
- Many more

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