Enjoy The Good Life Pt. 2

Review This Week's Sermon Review Key Scriptures

Psalms 34:8-14

Taste and see that the Lord is good. How happy is the person who takes refuge in him! You who are his holy ones, fear the Lord, for those who fear him lack nothing. Young lions lack food and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord will not lack any good thing. Come, children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is someone who desires life, loving a long life to enjoy what is good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from deceitful speech. Turn away from evil and do what is good; seek peace and pursue it.

2 Corinthians 5:10-11a

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, since we know the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

James 3:5-8

So too, though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts great things. Consider how a small fire sets ablaze a large forest. And the tongue is a fire. The tongue, a world of unrighteousness, is placed among our members. It stains the whole body, sets the course of life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. Every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish is tamed and has been tamed by humankind, but no one can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

Psalms 1:1-2

How happy is the one who does not walk in the advice of the wicked or stand in the pathway with sinners or sit in the company of mockers! Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness—without it no one will see the Lord.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

• ICEBREAKER: What was the happiest moment of your life? How do you see God IN that moment?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read Psalms 34:8-14 Which of these truths/challenges spoke to you the most?

Start sharing. Ask questions to create openness.

- Read <u>2 Corinthians 5:10-11a</u> What is the difference between fearing God, and being afraid of Him? How does the fear of the Lord prepare you to give an account before him?
- Read <u>Matthew 6:33</u> What does it look like to "seek the kingdom of God" in a practical way on a daily basis.
- Read <u>James 3:5-8</u> Give an example of how God "shut your mouth" to keep you from sinning with your words? What happened when you disregarded the Holy Spirit's prompting to "shut your mouth"?
- Read <u>Psalms 1:1-2</u> Discuss what part repentance plays in staying away from evil.
 (Consider looking up the definition of repentance in Hebrew)
 - o How does meditating on God's instruction guard you from evil?
- Read <u>Hebrews 12:14</u> Discuss the relationship between pursuing peace & holiness, and seeing the Lord.

Start praying together. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, I have tasted and seen that you are good. I have tasted the finest delicacies this world can offer, and they cannot compare to you. Your presence satisfies me like nothing else. You give more joy and deeper joy than anything else in this world. One day in your courts is better than a thousand days elsewhere. One moment with you is better than a thousand lifetimes anywhere else. Please give me more tastes of your presence, more glimpses of your glory. Expand my heart to love you more, and then take me deeper into the vast ocean of your love. Your love is better than life itself. ~ Amen

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Seeking God in everyday life begins with the "little things." What small step is God calling you to take in order to live a fuller "good life"?
- Memorize Matthew 6:33
- Start the *Wisdom For Right Living* Bible Reading Plan using the YouVersion Bible app or online **Wisdom For Right Living**
- Consider how you could love God and love others by serving during the week or weekend https://www.atharvest.church/serve