

MARINERS CHURCH



Overcoming Comparison

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"Where comparison begins, contentment ends."

Hope: God is in control of life and my life and no matter what happens, good or bad, He's in charge and it will be OK.

When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise. 2 Corinthians 10:12

A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones. Proverbs 14:30

I can never fully follow Jesus if I'm always comparing myself to someone else.

"Where jealousy and selfishness are there will be confusion and every kind of evil." James 3:16

How can I overcome comparison?

Recognize My Unique Life.

Two reasons we compare:
insecurity.

mistrust of God.

"You, God, created every part of me. You put me together in my mother's womb. You saw me before I was born and scheduled every day of my life before I began to breathe." Psalm 139:13-15

I'll run my own race.

Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. Hebrews 12:1

Jesus replied, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me." John 21:21-22



Give thanks and rejoice in what I have....

Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above, who created all heaven's lights. Unlike them, he never changes or casts shifting shadows. James 1:17

"Give thanks in all circumstances." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

It's better to be satisfied with what you have than to always be wanting something else. Ecclesiastes 6:9

...and be thankful for what God has done in others' lives.

Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. Romans 12:15

Relax in...

...God's control.

...His love

...His plan because He knows what's best for me.

"God, turn me away from wanting any other plan than Yours." Psalm 119:37

Talk it Over! Things for your LifeGroup and accountability partner...

Do you think it is human nature to compare?

Why do you think we compare ourselves with others?

What damage comes out of it...

...with regard to my relationship with others?

...with regard to my relationship with God?

Read John 21:15-23. Do you see any rivalry or comparison between Peter and John? If so, how did Jesus handle it?

Read Hebrews 12:1. What is the "big" race that is set before all of us? Do you think that each of us has their own individual "race" set out by God? Describe yours.