



“God Wants You to be Happy” September 27-28, 2019

God does not want me to pursue happiness. God wants me to pursue Him.

In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever. Psalm 16:11

#1 God does not want me happy when I do something wrong or stupid.

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 1 Peter 1:15

#2 God doesn't want me happy when I'm basing my happiness on the things of the world.

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. 1 John 2:15

#3 God does not want me happy as much as He wants me BLESSED.

“Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows.” –Jesus, John 16:33

Lower my expectations of earth.

Raise my expectations of Jesus.

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:1-3

Talk It Over: For your LifeGroup and time with your Accountability Partner

Crowd Breaker: Talk about something that happened this week that made you happy.

Do you feel that wanting to be happy is wrong? And do you think God wants you to be unhappy in your life? Explain.

What does it mean to be “blessed” and how does that differ from being “happy”?

Look up Matthew 5:3-12. What does Jesus say it takes to be ‘blessed’?

What role does “holiness” (1 Peter 1:15) play in happiness?

Look up and read together Colossians 3:1-3. What do you think it means to “set your mind on things above?” What does that look like?