

Elusive Week 2

RECAP: Jesus says he came so you may have life to the full, your best life. Chasing your own comfort can be fun but will not lead to lasting happiness. What should you chase that can really lead you towards life?

MAIN POINTS:

- Comfort is Elusive.
- Comfort can lead you astray
- 1. Identify What you are chasing.
- 2. Learn to be Thankful.
- 3. Pursue the purpose God has for you now.

SCRIPTURE:

John 10:10-11, Romans 6:16, 1 John 4:7-12

C.S Lewis Quotes (from The Problem of Pain)

"When we want to be something other than the thing God wants us to be, we must be wanting what, in fact, will not make us happy."

"Our highest activity must be response, not initiative. To experience the love of God in a true, and not an illusory form, is therefore to experience it as our surrender to His demand, our conformity to His desire."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Ice Breaker: What activity really helps you relax and de-stress?
- 2. What stood out to you from Sunday?
- 3. What do you think about Pleasure and Happiness being two different things?
- 4. Read Romans 6:16. While comfort isn't bad, it is Elusive. In Romans Paul shows us it can be an Idol and actually enslave us. Take time to think about the comfort you chase. Then take time, as a group, and identify the lies that comfort actually is saying to you.
- 5. Read the C.S. Lewis quotes above.
 - a. What stands out to you?
 - b. How can we combat the lie of comfort (as our priority) and find our satisfaction in the Love of God?
- 6. What would it look like for you to surrender to God something in your life? How can you take time to live in his love with this over the next month?

NEXT STEPS

There is something you long for right now that you don't have. Some event. Some location. Some outcome. Some Step. Promotion. Living Space. Some achievement. Take time this week to:

- Identify What you are Chasing
- Learn to be thankful.
- Pursue what God has for you in your life right now.

How will you live in God's love? Take steps towards him?