

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Lord I Need You, 10,000 Reasons, Victor's Crown

WELCOME

Satisfied. What does it mean to be satisfied? Briefly share your answer with your small group.

WORD

LUKE 12:13-21 (NIV)

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."...

¹⁵Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."...

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

The questions on how to live well and knowing what it truly means to live have received a lot of academic attention in the past 20 to 30 years. How do we really measure what it means to be happy, fulfilled, and satisfied in this world?

In the pursuit of satisfaction, we often fill our lives with distractions to divert our attention. We look forward to being entertained by things that only give us momentary pleasure because we think this will fill the void in our lives.

Many people believe that when we have all the things we desire, all our problems will go away. However, when the distractions are taken away, we end up realizing that we are still empty inside.

In the Bible, Jesus spoke clearly about these issues.

WHY WE WANT MORE

In **Luke 12:13-21**, a man wants his brother's inheritance to be divided with him. The reason why people want money or wealth is because they think it will bring them joy and satisfaction.

Jesus warned the man and all of us to be on guard from all kinds of covetousness for it is an insatiable desire. Jesus is not saying it is wrong to look for joy and satisfaction, nor is He questioning the legitimacy of our desire for these things. What He is questioning is where we can find the answers for it (**Isaiah 55:1-2**). Our desires may be right but our means to satisfy it can be wrong.

Our inner desire for fulfillment and satisfaction cannot be satisfied by means of external things. Even if we get to have more than enough, all our wealth will still not give us the fullness of life. This is simply because no matter how much time and labor we pour into something, if it is done apart from God, we will not find true happiness.

WHERE TO FIND SATISFACTION

There are things that we do — like spending our money and time on what we think would bring fulfillment — that don't fulfill us in reality. In our pursuit, we do many things that are wrong. We compromise and hurt ourselves, only to end up living with guilt, pain, and the consequences of our actions. Then, we wonder how we can get past it.

While there is really something that can satisfy us, it may not come from where we think it would. There is something that only Christ is able to bring into our life, and only that thing will truly bring fulfillment. He is not at all challenging our desires to be fulfilled. What He is challenging is where that fulfillment can ultimately come from.

When God is close to us, we should turn to Him. When God is near, we should accept Him. We are to turn away from the wicked things we are doing and turn to Him. He will forgive us, He will pardon us and we can be fulfilled (**Isaiah 55:6-7**). So, as the Word of God comes from heaven to earth, it achieves the purpose for which He sent it (**Isaiah 55:11**). Jesus Christ is the Word of

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God. He came from heaven to earth so that we could be forgiven and experience true joy and satisfaction.

JESUS SATISFIES

Jesus Christ came into this world and He made Himself one with us. That is what happens when we put our trust in Christ, we become one with Him.

Jesus said if we come to Him and drink from the water He gives, we will be full and satisfied (**John 7:37-38**). No matter how much saltwater we drink, it will never satisfy our thirst. Instead of drinking saltwater from this world, we should drink the pure living water that comes from Jesus.

Jesus paid the price for all the wrong things we have done. By His stripes we are healed. All the sins, curses and spiritual damages we have done became His. This is why the Bible tells He became sin and curse for us. He paid the price and took on the consequences for what we have done wrong. If we turn to Him, He can forgive us. He could wipe the slate clean.

Jesus Christ was able to deal with all of the guilt, the pain and the hurt in this world because He came from heaven to earth as the living Word and at the cross He crucified all of it. Through His resurrection He offers us a new life in Him and by it we can experience what true forgiveness and true joy could bring. He alone could meet the deepest desires of our heart. Jesus alone can satisfy us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. Be on Guard.** In **Luke 12:13-21**, what was Jesus' answer to the man who asked Him about his inheritance? What was Jesus' response?
- 2. God is Near.** What are we being called to do in **Isaiah 55:6-7**? What does this mean to you?
- 3. Satisfied Life.** How can we find satisfaction in life according to Jesus? How are you responding to it?

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DESIRES

What are your top 3 desires in life? List down your top 3 distractions as well. How do you approach these now in light of what you have learned from this week's message?

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends