

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Pleasure & Jesus (& Jesus #6)

Week of May 13, 2018

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

ICEBREAKER (Optional)

Since Mother's Day was this past Sunday, what is one thing you appreciated about your mom while growing up?

DISCUSSION

1. a. What are some of the most common "vices" of people in the American culture?

b. Why are these "vices" so tempting?

Read Romans 13:11-14

2. a. What "time" is it? Discuss what Paul means by night/day, dark/light.

b. How should a Jesus-follower live in light of the "time"?



3. What do you think it looks like for someone to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ"? (v. 14)

MAKING IT PERSONAL

This next question could get very personal. Please share as you feel God leading you. And please extend grace to others who may share openly.

4. a. In what areas of life are you prone to seek pleasure?

b. How does the Gospel speak into this area? (Example: If you struggle with alcoholism, the Gospel says you don't need to drink to find joy. Jesus' death on the cross forgives your sins, which should bring you joy.)

c. How can your group help you "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and not "gratify the desires of the flesh"?

MEMORY VERSE

"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." (Romans 13:14)

PRAYER

Close in prayer for one another to be so full of Jesus, there is no desire for sin.

