

TRUE [ISH]

Message #2 "As Long As I'm Happy"

True[ish] Statement:

"The Bottomline Is That God Wants Nothing More Than To See Me Happy!"

[False] Conclusion:

"God Wants Me Happy But I'm Unhappy So God Has Failed"

Theology of Happiness (False Beliefs)

- #1. Truth Is Defined By Whatever Makes Me Happy
- #2. Happiness Is The Standard By Which I Judge My Behavior
- #3. Whatever Makes Me "Happy" Must Be Right,
- #4. Anything That Doesn't Make Me "Happy" Must Be Bad,

God Does Not Want You Happy

- #1. When It Causes You To Do Something Wrong Or Unwise

"Just as he who called you as holy be holy in all you do". 1 Peter 1:15

"Happiness Doesn't Trump Holiness In God's Spiritual Economy"

- #2. When Your Happiness Is Based On The Things In This World.

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever." 1 John 2:15-18

- #3. God Wants You Blessed

Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands. Psalm 112:1

"Joy has nothing to do with material things, or with man's outward circumstance... A man living in the lap of luxury can be wretched, and a man in the depths of poverty can overflow with joy."

~William Barclay~



Life Group Discussion Guide

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles . Life groups provide a safe and encouraging environment to experience authentic Christian community, to practically love one another, grow in faith and discover the life-giving truth of God's Word.

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- Describe some people you know that seem truly happy in their lives. Where do you think their happiness comes from?
- Besides your faith in Christ, what are some of the things in your life that give you happiness? Explain how these things make you happy.
- There are many false beliefs in our society as to how to achieve happiness. Discuss some of those beliefs that you have followed and how those beliefs affected your life and your actions.
- The world's ideas of how to achieve happiness are usually at odds with God's standards. Describe a time when you have put your immediate happiness above doing what you knew was right.

Read 1 John 2: 15-17

- This passage says "Do not love the world or anything in the world." Have you ever pursued happiness through the things of this world? If so, be open and give some specific examples.

Read Psalm 112:1

- God wants you blessed (which can be translated as **more** than happy.) Talk about a time when you have been overwhelmed by the blessings of God.

Read Matthew 5:1-12

- How do you think a person might behave if he or she were hungering and thirsting after righteousness?
- How (if at all) does the promise of future blessing affect us in the present?
- Discuss some ways that you can begin a greater pursuit of happiness through God this week.

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