



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Discussion Guide: Holy Macro
March 4, 2018

Opening Questions:

- What has the pursuit of happiness looked like in your life? Has it changed over time? How so? And has it been a fruitful pursuit?
- Have you ever looked to the church as a means of happiness? If you were to list out the reasons you come to church, what would they be? Be honest.
- Have you ever thought about the purpose of life having something to do with effectiveness? Where have you seen that prove true in your own experience?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read ***Ephesians 1:16-20...*** What do you see as Paul's primary wishes for the Christians in Ephesus? What are the specific things he prays for? When was the last time *you* asked God for those things in *your own* life? How about for someone else? Why do you think that answer was your answer?
- Why is *knowing* God so important? What does that do for us? For our context at large?
- Hope has a lot to do with the future; how does it affect our present circumstances though? What defines or makes up *your* hope? Understanding that, how do you navigate today in light of that future?
- What does the notion of God's resurrection power being *for* you mean to you? What do you think that power is all about? How are we supposed to leverage it, or steward it? Do you see more Christians with God's power as *potential energy* or *kinetic energy*? Why do you think that is?
- Read ***Ephesians 2:10...*** If we're all looking for purpose, we should be somewhat relieved to read that verse. We were created on purpose, for a purpose, with excellence. What good things do you sense God has in store for you to do? What do you think you'd experience if you leaned into those things and started moving on them?

Application Questions:

- This week's bottom line was **YOU EXIST TO KNOW JESUS AND GROW TO BE LIKE HIM**. What emotions do you experience in hearing that statement? Relief? Resolve? Frustration? Fear? Please explain.
- How does this change your view of all the things you are currently doing? What might change in the next few days, weeks, months or years about your priorities in the pursuit of happiness...or perhaps your pursuit of effectiveness?

Spend some time thanking God for making you with a reason. Take time to celebrate his creativity and purpose-filled work. Ask him to help you better understand your place in his story. Ask him to help you see the good things he has planned for you and to give you the courage to actually move into them.