

A Good Life
Week 4: 3rd Base-Success
May 15th, 2022

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of applying this truth in our daily lives.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

When you were a child, what did you want/ hope to be when you grew up?

INTRODUCTION

This week we step into our final episode of our series **A Good Life**. We have been using the idea of running the bases in baseball as an analogy to how we find a truly good life that Jesus talks about in John 10:10. We conclude this series with **3rd Base- Success**. One of the greatest lies the world tells us is that success comes from the jobs or careers we have. Your career is what defines you. We are going to look at a couple of passages that will help us dive into this misconception. They are found in **Matthew 6:25-27, 33-34 and Colossians 3:22-25**.

THIS WEEK'S KEY SCRIPTURE (S): Matthew 6:25-27, 33-34/Colossians 3:22-25

Read these passages: Have someone in your group read these passages of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

EXPLORING THE SCRIPTURE (S):

- What do you notice with fresh eyes from these passages?
- What encourages you?
- What causes questions for you?

ENGAGING THE MESSAGE:

- How have you viewed your work, career and success? Was there a time (or still is) where it defined you, where you found your identity, self worth?
- Does it surprise you that statistically there is no real difference between the quality of life of non-believers compared to believers? (Divorce, broken families, financial collapse, anxiety, depression) Why or why not?
- Pastor Heather talked about how to practice trusting God with our work. Things like walking with God before you run to work, setting boundaries with taking days off, and putting time limits on your work day. Discuss which of these you practice. Which of these do you struggle with?

- We are called to work for God first. (Not entitled, showing character, etc.) What kind of worker are you when no one is looking?
- Share with the group the best boss you ever worked for. Why?
- Share with the group experiences you have had in the work place where you have seen believers who have carried these Godly qualities in every thing they do.

LIVING IT OUT-APPLICATION:

- What was a big take away for you from this week's teaching?

CLOSING PRAYER: Spend some time in prayer as a group. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.