



False Pleasures

MAIN THING

All That Glitters Isn't Gold

SCRIPTURE

Titus 3:3, 1 Timothy 6:6-10

ICEBREAKER

Everyone has a dream vacation. If money wasn't an issue, where would you go? What would you do? What would a typical day look like on your dream vacation?

OPENING THOUGHT

Pleasure is something God wants in your life. He wants you to find pleasure in what He has blessed you with; His creation, the families He has given you, and so much more. Unfortunately, Satan tries to skew that. He tries to take pleasure in a direction that opposes God's desire for your life. Satan tries to take us to a place where we think we are owed something. He wants us to do things that put a divide between us, God, and God's people. Satan wants nothing more than destruction on our lives, and he uses pleasure as one of his main strategies.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. In Sunday's message, Rob said that Satan is willing to play the long game when it comes to temptation. What did he mean by that? How does Satan play the long game? Why can that be more dangerous for us when it comes to falling to the temptation of pleasure?
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. God wants us to be content with what we have. Why is that kind of contentment so important? Verse 9 says, "Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction." How do false pleasures bring people into ruin and destruction? How does it get to that point?

LIFE APPLICATION

Are there false pleasures in your life that you need to let go of? Are there things that you find pleasure in that are putting a divide between you and God? What are those things? Are you willing to let them go, or are they too important to you?

CHALLENGE

List the ten things that you find the most pleasure in. Be completely honest with yourself. Are these things honoring to God? Would this be a list that you would be willing to share with anyone? If you are struggling with the last two questions, it might be time to reevaluate what you find pleasure in and surrender those to God. Take time each day to pray over the things that need to go, and allow God to remove that desire from your heart.