

SERMON OUTLINE John 10:1-18

The Abundant Life

WHAT THE ABUNDANT LIFE IS

According to John 10:1-18

According to John's Gospel

According to the Whole Bible

WHAT THE ABUNDANT LIFE ISN'T

HOW TO GET FROM HERE TO THERE

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly. In His teaching He described both the fullness of that abundance and the path to it. In His life, He walked that path perfectly as our example and for the glory of the Father. The path does not end until we are in the new heavens and earth, but by walking it in faith, even through hardship and persecution, we can truly know fullness of life even now. And Jesus is the way and the life. He came to bring the fullness of life and He is the fullness life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. If someone were to give you fifty million dollars, what would you spend it on? What are the first three things you'd buy? Would you save any of it and, if so, for what? Or, if you were given one year to do whatever you wanted, all expenses paid, what would you do (or not do)? Where would you go? What would you eat? Who would you take? Or, if you were able to ensure any ten things for your grandchild, what would be on your list (looks, health, education, spouse, kids, character, religion, finances)?
3. How would you define the abundant life? How well do your pursuits in life match up with your definition?
4. How do you think the average American or midwesterner would define the abundant life? What do they get wrong/right?
5. How does Jesus define and describe the abundant life in John's Gospel? Which aspect of it is most surprising? Exciting?
6. What do you think of the path of abundant life? What has it been like to walk it? What has been the most rewarding aspect of it? What has been the most challenging? Why do you think so many refuse to walk it?
7. What help do you need to walk the path of abundant life? What help are you giving/could you give others?
8. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

9. Ask one godly person who knows you well to share an area in your life that you might not see very well.
10. Talk to one non-Christian and one Christian about the abundant life and the path to it. Pray with them about it.
11. Choose one aspect of the abundant life or the path to it to focus on this week. Study it. Memorize a passage on it. Pray for the Spirit's help to live more fully in light of it. Ask someone to help you with it and join you in it.
12. Find one way in which you have abandoned the path to fullness of life and repent of it—get back on the path in faith!
13. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
14. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

15. Adoration. Praise God that He is fullness of life! Praise God that He is perfectly loving, merciful, and gracious. Praise God that He is the way to life. Praise God that He is worthy of all our praise.
16. Confess. Confess any ways you are pursuing something other than the life Jesus came to bring you. Confess any ways you are reluctant to live as Jesus calls you to live. Confess any ways you are indifferent to helping others know fullness of life.
17. Thanksgiving. Thank God that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Thank God that He has shown you the path of life in Jesus, forgiven you for walking according to your own way, and empowered you to walk it in the Spirit.
18. Supplication. Ask God to illuminate the path of life for someone in your life. Ask God to draw back a wandering Christian you know. Ask God to grant us greater faith in and obedience to His plan, commands, and promises as a church.