



Living Your Best Life NOW - Week II

Big Idea

"The Jesus Life" - Freedom from the Misery of Religious Living"

Jesus asked Peter the MOST important question, "*Simon, Son of Jonas, do you love me?*" Read the Text: John 21:15-17 YLT. In today's language, Jesus would be asking us: "Is cultivating a growing and deepening FRIENDSHIP with me as a PERSON your FIRST and HIGHEST priority?" How did Peter respond? Peter responded, "Lord, I PASSIONATELY love you as my DEAREST & CLOSEST friend." Cultivating this friendship with Jesus is what makes the Christian life meaningful and deeply satisfying. It is what sets us free from the misery and boredom of religious living.

Discussion Questions

- Use a personal example in your own life and qualify the above introduction in this discuss. How do you experience life when you feel closest to God? How do you experience life when you're far away from God?
- List three things that may have stifled God's love in your heart and explain how it affected your relationship with God. Do you know what brought about or caused it?
- What immediate action step would you take to recapture your love for God?

Next Steps

Honestly evaluate your own heart. Is your heart free? Have the cares of this world, the pressures of life, work and the home built resentment, bitterness, apathy, indifference, callousness, passivity or negativity? No matter what condition you find your heart to be in, open it to God and confess it to Him. Ask Him to heal the wounds of your heart and fill it with peace, joy and love. KingdomCity is a place with limitless opportunity to express God's love, whether it be through the Growth Track, Small Groups or through Acts of Kindness, so take the next step and get plugged into one of these outlets.

Prayer Focus

Pray that our brothers and sisters would began to truly to understand "The Jesus Life". Pray that Kingdom City Church would experience this (agapao) love and that major impact would be made for Christ in our respective families, relationships, immediate vicinities, and communities.

Leader Tip

Share the link <http://kingdomcitychurch.org> and the "Acts of Kindness" outline with your group. Encourage them to look at the ideas and put at least one idea into practice over the next week.