



With Week 3: Not For God

"The real treasure is Jesus. It's always Jesus. It's only Jesus."

Icebreaker: Share a memorable Christmas tradition that brings you joy each year.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Reflect on the four alternative postures to "life with God" mentioned in the sermon (life over, under, from, and for God). Which of these do you find yourself gravitating towards, and why?
2. Discuss the implications of Philippians 3:7-11, where Paul speaks about considering all things as loss compared to knowing Christ. How can this perspective influence your priorities and decisions?
3. Consider the statement, "The goal of life is not some mission to be accomplished, but a person to be experienced." How does this perspective reshape your approach to faith and service?
4. How can we as a community support each other in living "life with God" rather than falling into the trap of merely doing things for God?
5. What practical steps can you take this week to cultivate a deeper relationship with God, focusing on experiencing His presence in your everyday moments?



With Week 2: Not Over God

"You can follow the principles of God, but not know the person of God."

Scripture Exploration

- Read Philippians 3:1-11. What does Paul warn against in this passage, and why does he consider his past achievements as "garbage"?
- How does Matthew 7:21-23 challenge the idea of doing things "for God"? What does Jesus emphasize as more important?
- In Ephesians 2:8-10, how is the relationship between faith, works, and grace described? How does this passage align with the sermon's message?

Personal Reflection

- What does it mean to "boast in Christ Jesus" rather than in our own abilities? Why is this distinction important?
- Consider the theological implications of living "with God" as opposed to "for God." How does this shift affect your understanding of God's nature?
- How do the cross-references in Matthew and Ephesians deepen your understanding of Paul's message in Philippians?

Personal Application

- Identify areas in your life where you may be living "for God" rather than "with God." What changes can you make to shift your focus?
- How can you cultivate a deeper experience of God's presence in your daily life? List practical steps you can take this week.
- Reflect on how living "with God" can impact your community. What actions can you take to demonstrate God's presence to those around you?