



INTRODUCTION

In this series in Philippians we are discussing the idea of joy and how we can live a joyful life. Happiness is a fleeting emotion, while joy is enduring assurance. Too often though we settle for the pursuit of happiness, when God has more for us. He wants us to live with joy, He wants us to move Beyond Happy.

MAIN POINT

This week we are looking at three ideas we need to remember to move beyond Happy. The main ideas being generosity, God's sovereignty, and our purpose. Most discussions will be tied back to one of these three ideas.

ICE BREAKER

1.) What is one experience that you will never forget? Why?

QUESTIONS

1) I often say that most Christian's greatest problem is not ignorance but rather is forgetfulness. What's meant by this statement?

2.) Pastor John said it is vitally important to remember those who helped you on your journey. Why do you think this is? Read Philippians 1:1-5, who are some people Paul remembers in his opening to his letter? Who are some of the people that have helped you in your journey?

3.) One of the ways we can remember those who have helped us in our journeys is through generosity in our finances. Pastor John stated "A follower of Jesus will always be a generous person." Have you experienced the joy that comes with being generous? If so would you tell us about the experience?

4.) We also learned that it is vitally important to remember who controls our Journey. Read Philippians 1:6. What do we learn about who controls our spiritual journey through this verse?

5.) Pastor John spoke of three works God does in our lives. The Work that God does in us, The Work that God does for us and the Work that God does through us. How do these three statements play out in the life of the believer?

6.) The last thing we need to remember to move beyond happy is our purpose. Our Purpose answers the questions: 1.) Who am I? and 2.) Why am I here? Read Phil. 1:8-11, what does Paul state about our purpose?

7.) "The enemy of excellent is good." Paul prays for the Philippians that they may know what is excellent in v.10. Are there "good" things in your life that are keeping you from pursuing excellent things? What might they mean, and what would getting rid of a few good things to pursue excellence look like?