



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Part 3: Righteousness & Mercy

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- 1) Just for fun ... regardless of your age ... which of the “3 Rules for Middle-Age Happiness” do you resonate with the most and why?
<https://www.theatlantic.com/culture/archive/2021/07/nora-ephrons-rules-for-middle-age-happiness/619535/>
What are some other things that satisfy you and make you happy?
- 2) Do you believe YOUR true happiness is one of the top priorities for God? Why or why not? (*Resist the temptation to just blow by this question. Spend some time unpacking what you really think and feel ... the teachings from God’s Word ... and your own life experiences.*)
- 3) Read Genesis 3:1-5 and discuss how the interaction here still shows up today. What are the underlying factors involved?
- 4) Read Matthew 5:6 and 6:33, then discuss how those two verses are similar and what they both emphasize.
- 5) What are your impressions of the first verse in Psalm 42 and 63? And in light of those passages, how would you answer these questions: *Is your obedience to God (your righteousness!) coming from a place of cheerfulness and love? Or is it coming from a place of guilt, obligation and/or duty?*
- 6) Share a time in your life when God “let you hunger” (Deuteronomy 8:1-3). What was the point of that moment/season? How does any of it correlate to a “hunger and thirst for righteousness” (Matthew 5:6) and that which truly satisfies?
- 7) Who do you truly identify with in Luke 7:36-50? How does the concept of mercy in that passage relate to Matthew 5:7 and what does it mean for your life today?