

Finding Our Way Back to God – 9/5/21

Pastor Rick – Awakening to our Longings

Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you from the message?
2. How have the past 18 months impacted your relationship with God? With the local church? What have been some positive things as a result of the last 18 months, what have been some negative things as a result?
3. Many people have moved away from church altogether and in some cases moved away from God. Why do you think this is the case?
4. Have you ever felt distant from God? If so why? Did you feel like you could come back to Him easily, or not? Explain.
5. Look at Ecclesiastes 3:11 and Ecclesiastes 1:2-4. Have these verses ever resonated with you? If so why?
6. Pastor Rick mentions that maybe the deeper longings we experience like the longing for love, the longing for purpose, and meaning are related to this idea that God has placed them inside of us. Why is this significant?
7. Review Luke 15:11-16 (will cover the remainder of the passage next week!) The son in Jesus's story was like so many of us—he was convinced that he had to leave his father to find answers and fulfill his longings. Why is this significant to you and me? Others we might know?

One reason Jesus told this story is to help each of us find our way home – back to God! Pray for those you know who are lost. Consider taking on Pascal's wager, "God make yourself real to me over the next 30 days!"