

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Pleasing the Lord” – Pastor Chad Gilligan

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1) What was the best and worst part of your week?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:9 – “So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.”

2) What is something you have done you believe pleased the Lord?

3) How do we know if we are pleasing the Lord?

4) If our “goal” is defined as our driving ambitions, what are your goals in life? How do you think God views your goals?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 – “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

5) What are some steps we can take to focus on the eternal and not on life’s challenges?

6) How does an eternal hope affect your perspective on momentary troubles?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 – “and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.”

7) How can we please the Lord in the ordinary parts of our lives?

Read Galatians 1:10 – “Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.”

8) What are some things that are pleasing to God but not to society today?

Prayer: Take time to pray for a heart and life that is pleasing to the Lord.