

MESSAGE NOTES | JULY 11



finding meaning

Satisfaction with Life

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Ecclesiastes 5-6, p. 463

Finding meaning in life is intimately tied to being satisfied with life. The question in Ecclesiastes continues to be something like, "What's the point?" Is it possible to be satisfied with life (Genesis 25:8)? Ecclesiastes 5-6 tells us how to experience satisfaction with life.

1. Satisfaction with life begins at [God's doorstep](#) (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7).
2. Satisfaction with life is not attained by having everything ([Ecclesiastes 5:8-17](#)).
3. Satisfaction with life is the [gift of God](#) ([Ecclesiastes 5:18-6:12](#)).

THE **ONE THING**: [Go back to God's doorstep!](#)

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize [Ecclesiastes 5:4-5](#).
- Consider the promises you have made to God.
- Describe your battle with finding satisfaction in life.
- [Believer's Baptism](#) - August 29.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

Check-In: Since we last met, how did your "I will..." and sharing go?

1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time? As a group, how can we help?
2. Read [MATTHEW 5:1-12](#) together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life? (*Share a specific: "I will..."*)
5. Who will you share with before we meet again? (*Name a specific person you plan to **share with.***)

If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with marcus@oakwoodnow.org