

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: John 17:4

Message Title: Living a Meaningful Life

John 10:10 - *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.* (NKJV)

John 11:47-48 - *Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."*

1. Two _____ of meaning

Genesis 2:15 - *The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*

Genesis 2:18 - *The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."*

2. One _____ of meaning

John 17:4 - *I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.*

1 Corinthians 10:31 - *"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."*

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

John 10:10; 11:47-48; 17:4

1. Looking back on this past year, what place has the abundant life Jesus spoke of had in your life? What place would you like it to have in the year ahead?
2. How does knowing that more stuff does not bring a more abundant life sit with you? Do you believe it?
3. Are you more inclined to derive meaning in life from what you do or the people you live life with?
4. What things or people do you tend to look to for meaning in your life?
5. Why is greater meaning found in living for God's glory rather than self-glory?
6. What can you do to keep today's *living for God's glory* focus central in your life in the year to come?