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WARM UP QUESTIONS: What does it take to be satisfied in life, to reach perfection or utopia?

READ: Isaiah 59:1-2, 65:17

FOCUS: Jesus can transform us so that we can experience a good and happy life.

OBSERVE:

We cannot achieve the life we deeply desire without God, through Jesus Christ.

- We all long to reach a place where everything is working well. Some of us think of this as achieving “utopia.” Utopia is seen as an imagined place or environment in which everything is perfect. On the earth today, this is non-existent. However, there is a very real place where perfection exists: God’s new Heaven and new Earth. The only way to be a part of this place is to be reconciled with God.

We as humans, were uniquely created to have a close relationship with God in Christ Jesus.

- Unfortunately, sin has separated us from Him. We will never feel content until we reunite with Him and have that relationship restored. There will always be an unhappy vacuum without God trying to fill it.
- Many people try to fill the vacuum with various alternatives: religion, other people, bad habits, good habits, etc. Instead of getting rid of the barrier of sin, we end up creating more barriers and getting farther away. The solution is to trust and follow God so we can be transformed by His resurrection power.

We should be encouraged to understand that God desires to reconcile with us.

- “God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8 NIV.) When we trust and follow Jesus, and become transformed by His resurrection power, He makes our life on earth worthwhile. Even though there is no utopia on this earth, we can be at peace, be satisfied and have a deep sense of commitment — regardless of our earthly surroundings because we can trust what God has for the future.

REFLECT:

- In what ways are you content or dissatisfied with your life? Why?

TAKING ACTION:

- If you are content, take time this week to share how God brought that about in your life with someone who needs to hear it.
- If you are discontent, it may be because you are disconnected from God. It’s time to passionately pursue connecting, or reconnecting and building your relationship with Jesus!
 - This could look like committing your life to Jesus, receiving Him as Lord and Savior.
 - It could mean joining the church community to have more godly influences in your life.
 - It could mean finding a place to serve so that you are using your talents, exploring ways to bless your church and community.

PRAY: Lord Jesus, thank You for loving us and dying for us when we didn’t know You. We desire to have a close relationship with You. Please draw us closer to You. Help us to acknowledge all the ways that we truly need You! In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

