



"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might have life through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and gave us his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 4:9-10

"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions...For it is by grace you have been saved through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:4-8

(Jesus said) "I am the gate those who come in by me will be saved... my purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life" John 10:9-10

What does the life of Jesus have to teach us about satisfying a life, a life beyond regret?

1. He focused on his relationships



"Jesus knew the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love." John 13:1

"Be devoted to one another in love." Rom. 12:10

2. He lived his life with enthusiasm (in God)

"This is the first and greatest commandment. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

3. He approached the end with confidence

In Luke 9:51 it says *"As the time drew near for Jesus to return to heaven, he resolutely set out for Jerusalem". Luke 9:51*



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son so that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life". John 3:16

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God". Corrie Ten Boom



Think about it

Either in your small group or on your own, take some time to think about and answer the following questions. Remember it is always good to start this time with prayer.

1. *What was the greatest gift that Pastor Don was referring to in this week's sermon? If you were not there read Ephesians 2:4-8. Why is accepting that gift so important?*
2. *What does the following quote mean to you? "Though now one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start now and make a brand-new ending." Carl Bard*
3. *What are things the life of Jesus can teach us about living a satisfying life?*
4. *Unpack the idea of enthusiasm. Living your life "in" "God". Why is it important to live life connected to God?*

Going Deeper.

What do you envision heaven to be like? Read Revelations 21:1-6. What does that tell you about heaven?

Read I John 4:9-10. What does this scripture tell us about the kind of God we have?