



Small Group Discussion Guide

April 15, 2018

Sermon Title:

"The Joy of Completion"

Sermon Text: John 21:1-14

Scripture Reading: Psalm 15

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.*

Getting Started: What is the last new thing you have started? Do you think you will be able to complete it? Have you recently completed anything? Is there anything in which you have had to stop short?

Discussion:

1. Many of us have heard or given the admonition, "Don't start something you can't finish." Do you hold to this philosophy? There are differing views.
2. In his letter to the Church at Colossae, Paul admonished Archippus: **"complete the ministry you have received in the Lord?"** In your estimation, has the Lord led you into a particular ministry? At what point in the task would you consider yourself to have reached?..... just getting started?.....half way? nearly finished?
3. There are a variety of examples in the Bible about the importance of seeing something through to completion. The Pastor used three examples of God's work being completed:
 - 1) **God completed the act of creating. (Reference: Genesis 2:2)** What did God do upon completion of His task? Do you follow His pattern, or do you immediately run to the next project without catching a breath?
*God took time to look and appreciate His completed work. **(Reference: Genesis 1:31)** Shouldn't we do likewise?
 - 2) **God completed the plan of salvation at great cost.** One of Jesus' final 7 sayings on the cross was simply this: "It is finished." **(Reference: John 19:30)**
*As you think about it, this was NOT Jesus' plan. He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, "If it is possible, let this pass from me. Nevertheless, not my will but YOURS be done." **(Reference: Matthew 26:39)**
 - 3) He will complete His work of perfection in you. "Sanctification" means bringing your faith to a mature level. It is God, NOT US, who does this. **(Reference: Philippians 1:6)** A key phrase to fully appreciate in this : "being confident of this...."

Closing: Close by sharing prayer requests.

Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.

Have a blessed week. GO SHARE JESUS!