



Small Group Discussion Guide

July 8, 2018

Sermon Title:

"Simple Pleasures"

Sermon Text: Psalm 16:11

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-7

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: If you could spend an afternoon doing anything you wanted, what would it be?

Discussion:

1. Life has its way of becoming complicated at times. When is the last time you found yourself in a jam? Did you have any part of creating it, or did it just happen in spite of your best efforts to resist it?
2. The Psalmist recognized the "pleasures" that are ours as Christians. He called them "**eternal pleasures.**" (See Sermon text) But are we really enjoying those pleasures in an eternal continuation? It seems that at times, they are fleeting at best. Discuss how we might be able to extend their length.
3. The Pastor mentioned that he enjoys those moments of clarity when God removes many of the distractions in life and we can sense what eternal pleasures may be like. Do you know the lyrics in the gospel song that declares, "O what a foretaste of glory divine"? When is the last time you experienced one of those "God moments"?
4. We are among all nations most blessed. Consider these simple pleasures for which we should give thanks each day and recognize on a regular basis:
 - ***Our daily bread.** Jesus taught us to pray about this. (Ref: Matthew 6:11)
 - ***A place to call home.** What did Jesus say about this subject? (Ref: Matthew 8:20)
 - ***Ample clothing that is clean and comfortable.**
 - ***People who love us with whom we can share life.**
 - ***A hope that extends well beyond this life.**
5. What simple pleasure will you specifically acknowledge and enjoy today?

Closing: *Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared. **Have a blessed week. GO SHARE JESUS!***