

Stop Wasting Your Life Part

Life Group Study Guide

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God wants to raise up men and women in His church whose lives count for His glory on the landscape of human history.

Read: Philippians 3:1-7

Ask:

1. What “good things” are keeping you from following Christ?
 2. How do you repurpose those good things for Christ?
 3. Have you counted everything as loss for the sake of knowing Christ?
 4. In what ways do you show that you treasure Christ above everything this world has to offer? (i.e. how is this reflected in your giving, time, relationships, talents)
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Read: Philippians 3:8-11

Ask:

1. Do you trust Christ to provide everything that you could ever need?
 2. Are you satisfied in just having His righteousness?
 3. How does a righteousness of our own get in the way of being satisfied in Christ?
 4. Are you more in love with Christ than the things this world has to offer?
 5. What if you lost it all? Would you still love Christ? Would you trust in His resurrection power to sustain you?
 6. Are you praising and promoting Christ in the middle of your sufferings?
 7. There is a huge difference between suffering for Christ and using your sufferings for Christ. Are you doing both? How have you suffered for Christ lately?
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Read: “God delights in showing his greatness through those who radically trust in Him.”

Ask:

1. Can God show His greatness through you?
 2. Does God delight in your relationship with Him?
 3. Do you radically trust Christ? How have you done that recently? Give an example.
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Read: 2 Timothy 4:7

Ask:

1. Would you describe your pursuit of Christ as an obsessive passion, an occasional pass-by, or an obtrusive pain?

2. Do you have a holy dissatisfaction with comfortable Christianity? What are you doing to rise above it?
 3. Do you need a fresh understanding of the degree to which Christ has followed hard after you? Are you following hard after Him?
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Read: Philippians 3:12-14

1. Is the praise of Christ the prize you seek?
 2. What other fleeting prizes get in the way of our pursuit of Christ?
 3. How do you live to manifest His glory? (i.e. in your job, in your school, with your friends)
 4. What are you doing on purpose to reach people for Christ and testify for Him?
 5. How are you multiplying His Gospel? What plan do you have? What ministries are you involved in that do this? What do you pray in the morning to accomplish this throughout your day?
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Pray:

Lord, help us to live a life that counts for You. Help us not to waste our lives on the temporary (however good) things this world has to offer. You are our prize. You alone bring joy, satisfaction, and fulfillment. You are our purpose. Let us follow hard after you because you followed hard after us. We desire to manifest your glory and multiply your Gospel in the world around us. Use me, awaken me, and fill me with your Spirit so I can see the many opportunities to obsessively pursue You and reveal the treasures of my pursuit to a hopeless and hurting world. We gladly lay down the fleeting treasures of this world to seize and know You. We count them all as rubbish (dung) and desire You.