



Life to the full

Small Group Notes

Text:

John 10:1-11

Title:

Real Faith humbles itself

Further scriptures:

Matt. 11:28-29

Eph. 1:3

Psalm 23

Psalm 16:8-11

Hebrews 12:1-2

2 Thess. 3:5

2 Peter 1:3

Last Sunday we began thinking about what Jesus meant when he said he had come that we may have abundant life, what that life looks like and how we can walk in it.

Reflect

1. What most impacted you from the passage or from the preach?
2. How often do you take time to consider the state of your soul?
3. What do you understand 'abundant life' to be? (Take a look at Psalm 23). How does your experience of your life in Christ compare? Consider some of the following questions:
 - Do I find joy in Jesus and his salvation?
 - Do I live with abiding peace or is fear my constant companion?
 - Do I have faith to see everything in the light of God's overriding governance for good?
 - Am I bearing the fruit of righteousness?
 - Is my life centered around worship and God's glory?
 - Do I welcome or resist the Lord's discipline?
 - Does my hope stand firm in the most discouraging of circumstances?
 - Am I empowered to do what is right and withstand the forces of evil?

Respond

1. How can we experience more fully the abundant life Jesus came to give us?
2. What does it look like practically to 'set the Lord always before you?' (Psalm 16:8).
3. How do you 'keep company with Jesus' in your day to day? What other things do you keep company with that get in the way?
4. What aspect of your inheritance in Christ has the enemy robbed you of? (Think about the fruit of the Spirit).

Practice

1. What first step will you take to step into life in all its fullness?

Further reading

Here a few great books if you want to dig a little deeper:

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry, *John Mark Comer*

The Great Omission, *Dallas Willard*

The Life you've always wanted, *John Ortberg*