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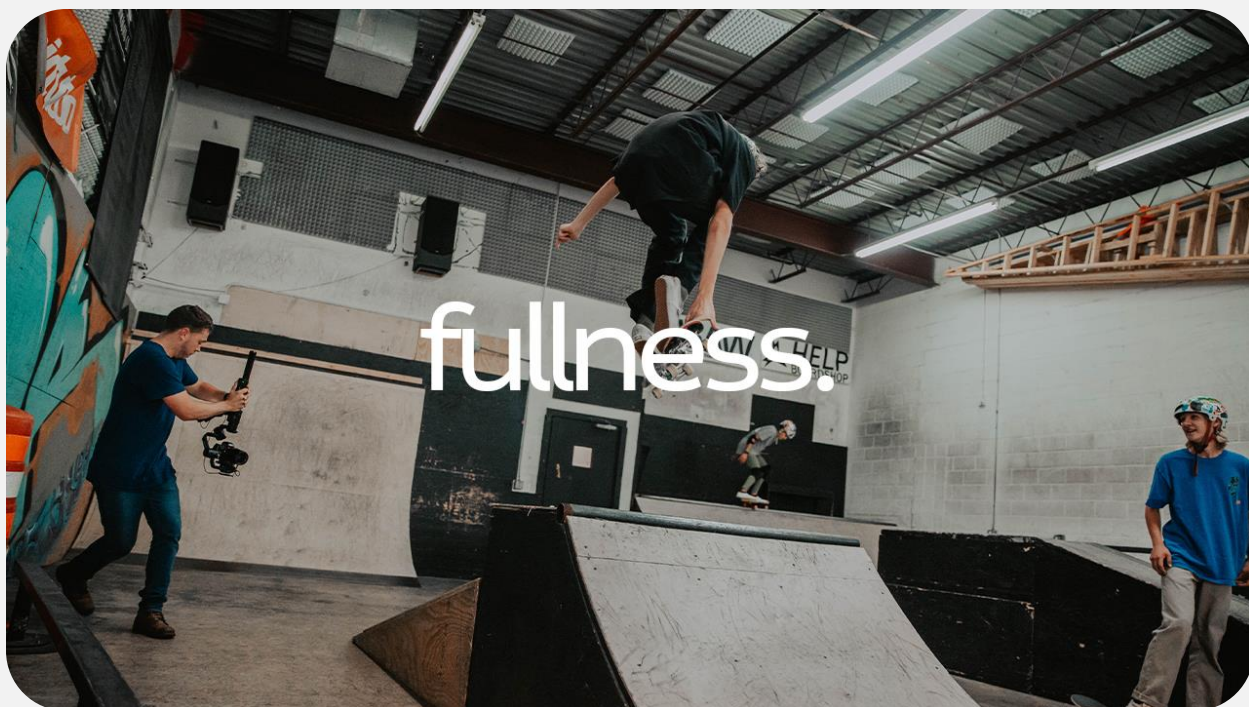


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Group Discussion Guide





VIDEO #1 – FULLNESS.

Life with Jesus is an invitation into the adventure of a lifetime!

OVERVIEW

Life with Jesus is an invitation into an adventure in all of life; however, many people just settle for a version of life that is about attending an event or trying to behave. The fullness of life that Jesus invites us into takes an “All In”, wholehearted pursuit. This Life Series video is meant to help you go “All In” that you might experience the fullness of life Jesus offers!

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OBJECTIVES

By the end of this discussion it is our hope and prayer that everyone knows the following Truths:

- JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE WHO TRULY SATISFIES OUR GREATEST LONGINGS AND DESIRES.
- THERE IS AN ENEMY WHO WANTS US TO MISS OUT ON THE FULLNESS JESUS OFFERS.
- FULLNESS IS FOUND IN LOVE... LOVING GOD AND LOVING OTHERS.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

After watching the video by yourself or as a group, please go through the following discussion/reflection questions to help these truths sink into your heart and mind. These questions are simply meant to guide you, so feel free to go off script and do not feel pressure to “get through” all the questions, they are simply meant to generate discussion and draw you closer to Jesus. Also, at the end of this section there will be some follow-up activities to help put these concepts into practice.

Objective #1 – Jesus is the only one who truly satisfies our greatest longings and desires.

Read John 10:10.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” (Jesus, John 10:10 NIV)

Q: What are things that you have tried to find abundant life in? What things have others you know tried? What was the result of those pursuits in the short-term and the long-term?

Q: What do you think Jesus means that he wants you to have life and have life “to the full” (other translations say “more abundantly”)?

Q: We still have difficulties in life, so how do we still experience the abundant life of Jesus when we also experience these hardship/trials/difficulties in life? Can you think of any examples where you went through a difficult time, yet in the long run it made you stronger in some way?

Q: Do all Christians experience this full life that Jesus offers? Why or why not?

Objective #2 – There is an enemy who wants us to miss out on the fullness Jesus offers.

Reread John 10:10.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” (Jesus, John 10:10 NIV)

Q: Jesus says there is an enemy who wants to steal, kill and destroy. In what ways does the enemy do this? Have you experienced this in your own life and if so, how?

Review & Reflect. The only way we can begin experiencing this full life is through a personal relationship with God! This is the good news of the GOSPEL:

***God** created us to be with Him.*

***Our** sins separate us from God.*

***Sins** cannot be removed by good deeds.*

***Paying** the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.*

***Everyone** who trusts in Jesus alone has eternal life.*

***Life** with Jesus starts now and lasts forever!*

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Q: Have you placed your trust in Jesus alone? If not, is there anything keeping you from placing your trust in Jesus alone right now? If there is, what is it and what would it take to overcome it? (See Romans 10:9-10)

Q: Is the enemy deceiving you from embracing Jesus's offer of abundant life through his lies: "God can't love me", "I've done too many things wrong", "I'm a good person and don't need Jesus", etc... And if so how?

Deep Thought: If you have placed your trust in Jesus alone, then you have eternal life and you are on your way to living a life full of adventure with God! Eternal life is not just a quantity of time, where we live forever, but a quality of life! This quality of life only happens through our relationship with God. The degree that you invest in your relationship with God is the degree to which you will experience the abundant, full life, as life itself is actually found in Him!

Objective #3 – Fullness is found in love... Loving God and Loving Others.

Read John 17:3.

"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (Jesus, John 17:3 NIV)

Note: There are two words for "know" in the original language. One word means to just to "know" something or someone **intellectually**. The other word for "know", which we find in this verse is to know someone or something **experientially**.

Q: What's the difference between knowing God intellectually versus knowing God experientially?

Review & Reflect. Jesus gets to the heart of what truly knowing God is, when several religious leaders tried to stump Him by asking Him what the greatest commandment is in the Law. Jesus responded with, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the

Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:37-40 NIV) Jesus makes it all about love...loving God and loving others!

Q: What does it look like to love God with all of your heart, soul and mind?

Q: What does it look like to “love your neighbor as yourself”?

Deep Thought: In order to experience this full life, it takes going “all in”. We do that by loving God and loving others. As we will see, JESUS already went all in for us when he came to this earth, lived a perfect life, overcame temptation, died on the cross for our sins, and then rose from the dead.... As you embrace this truth, you will experience how Jesus fulfills your greatest longings. He will enable you to go “All In”!

Read Matthew 5:6.

“Blessed [joyful, nourished by God’s goodness] are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness [those who actively seek right standing with God], for they will be [completely] satisfied. (Jesus, Matthew 5:6 Amplified)

Q: What things can keep us from going “all-in” for Jesus? Are there any things keeping you from going “all-in” for Him?

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

Every video will have a section of activities for you to go through to start putting these truths into practice and further wrestle with them! See below for the first activity.

Activity #1 – This first “activity” is more of a personal reflection. Take time now or later this week to write out (in a journal or a note app on your phone) why you chose to believe in Jesus, if you have. Things to potentially include are:

- What things previously hindered you from experiencing fullness of life before you trusted in him (struggles, sin, doubts, beliefs, distractions, etc.)?
- When was it that trusting in Jesus made sense to you? Why did you decide to believe in Jesus?
- What difference has Jesus made in your life so far?
- In what ways do you still need Jesus to make a difference in your life?
- What are some things about Jesus you wish people who don't know Jesus knew?
- Who is one friend you could share some of this with? Do it.