

Sunday, January 9, 2022 - "More of Jesus - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Matthew 13:44-46, Romans 3:10-12, Isaiah 53:6, 1 Chronicles 7:14, Jonah 2:8, Psalm 27:8, Isaiah 26:9, Psalm 42:1-2, Psalm 63:1

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

#### Main Ideas

- What is the one thing you want most in 2022?
- If the one thing is not the right thing, then all the other things are going to come up empty
- Matthew 13:44-46
  - Kingdom of God = all that's broken being put back together, new covenant
  - Kingdom of Heaven is right here within our grasp, it's there if we want it
- v44: "In his joy"
  - When you discover the value of the Kingdom of Heaven → you give everything else with joy
  - ONE THING = **More of Jesus**
    - Surrendered to his rule/reign
    - Used by God in what He is doing
  - Romans 3:10-12, Isaiah 53:6
    - We are broken and human condition is to go our own way and chase after the wrong things
    - But we are not alone
- 1 Chronicles 7:14 (anything applied corporately can be applied individually)
- 3 Steps to more of Jesus
  - 1) Honest, prayerful, humble personal assessment
    - Anything that takes priority over God or that we won't relinquish to Him is an IDOL
    - They keep us from receiving all God has for us (Jonah 2:8)
    - Jesus doesn't want the leftovers
    - John 6:44 - we can't make it happen but we can short circuit the process
  - 2) Turn towards Jesus
    - Repentance (a new/different direction)
    - Confession/forgiveness (an ongoing journey with God, every day)
  - 3) Chase after it
    - Are you willing to give something up to have it
    - It's an invaluable treasure (Psalm 27:8)
- The best thing that we could ever hope for is totally within our grasp
- Isaiah 26:9, Psalm 42:1-2, Psalm 63:1

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What is the one thing you want most in 2022? Explain
2. What have you learned about receiving/obtaining/having more of Jesus in the past?
3. Is there anything that takes priority over Jesus in your life? Is there any action needed?
4. How is God calling you to make more time for your relationship with Him?
5. What does it look like for you to give Jesus your best and first instead of the "leftovers"?
6. What has God taught you about the ongoing journey of repentance, confession and forgiveness?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

**\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

**Mon: Proverbs 6 Tues: Proverbs 7 Wed: Proverbs 8 Thurs: Proverbs 9 Fri: Proverbs 10**

**Songs from the weekend: [Great Jehovah - Travis Greene] - [You Are My Joy - Will Reagan] - [Build My Life - Housefires] - [Shall Not Want - Maverick City Music]**