

## FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS

### DINNER TIME DISCUSSION:

#### What is the cry of your heart?

How do you know what the cry of your heart is?

Review the memory verse alongside Psalm 84. What do you notice about longings of the heart in these psalms? What are the blessed longings of the heart? Pray for your heart to long after the blessed.

### PRACTICING PRAYER:

Pray for those in your life who do not yet know Christ. Pray that the hope of heaven would be part of what compels them toward salvation in Christ.

### SERIES SYNTHESIS:

At the beginning of the series, Pastor Brian introduced this topic by saying, "Thinking about there dramatically affects our here". What's changed in your thinking about our final home? How has/does that affect your experience of life in the 'here and now'?

### MEMORY VERSE:

*One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of  
the Lord all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his temple.*

Psalm 27:4, ESV

### DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES:

Draw a picture that represents your thoughts and feelings about dwelling with God forever.

Go outside and quietly ponder Psalm 27 and Psalm 84 and your eternal relationship with God. How do these passages line up with what your picture reveals? What needs to shift in your affections to align more closely with these passages? Pray toward that end.



## Leader Resource Guide

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*Our Final Home*



## SERMON NOTES

What will relationships be like, with God and with other people?

### 1. **CENTRAL**

- With God
- With People

### 2. **PURE**

- With God
- With People

### 3. **RICH**

- With God
- With People

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

- Share a story about a time you reunited with someone you hadn't seen for a while. What did you do? How did you feel?
- If you could meet anyone who lived at any time, who would it be? Why?

## CHRIST CENTERED DISCUSSION:

1. Pastor Brian talked about relationships fully and ultimately restored in three different ways. Recall the three words he used and brainstorm their inverses/opposites. How do these three interact together in your experience now? Which one do you long to see fully restored most? *This is a recall/summary question. You can dig deeper into the different aspects in the questions that follow.*
2. Pick one or two of the passages Pastor Brian mentioned in Revelation (Revelation 4:2-11; 5:6-14; 7:9-17; 21:1-8; 22:15) that describe our newly restored relationship with God. What about these passages strike you? Do you look forward to this?
3. What are your most significant relationships? How are they clouded by sin, time, lack of honesty or health right now? What can you look forward to in heaven in these relationships?

4. What are some of your current strained relationships here on earth? What part have you played in that? What can you do in the near future to begin or continue the restoration process that will ultimately be completed in heaven?  
*Use this time to confess and repent the ways that you have added to the insincerity, questioning, insecurity, anger, jealousy and strife in all current earthly relationships.*
5. Think through ways your relationship with God is hindered by the fallenness of the world and your own fallen nature. Reflect on how these tensions will be relieved in heaven. Thank God together for the pure and rich relationship He has purchased for you through Jesus.
6. Read Job 42:1-6. What is going on here? Why is Job proclaiming this? What brought Job to this place?  
*Job's world has been wrecked. For most of the previous chapters, he's been wrestling with who God is, his goodness and faithfulness in the midst of severe trial. Job 38 and 39 is God's response to Job's wrestling, but God's response is not what Job had asked or expected. However, from God's response, Job utters the words of 42:5-6. Job's greater awareness of God's greatness deepened his relationship through a deeper trust.*  
Now read 1 Corinthians 13:12. How does this help refine what Job is experiencing?
7. What in your life are you seeing dimly right now? Pray for a greater awareness of God's greatness, goodness, and faithfulness in this situation in your life.
8. Read Psalm 27:4. Is this the cry of your heart? Why or why not?