



Authentic Happiness (Part 5)

The pure of heart

September 24, 2015

Main passage: Matthew 5:8. **Additional Passages:** 2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51; Psalm 32; Matthew 7:17-23

Questions:

On a separate piece of paper, make a time line of your personal story. Draw line and mark the beginning of that line with the word "Born", and the other end of the line with the word "Today." Below the line, mark and label some of the moments of your life that have shaped you as a person, good and bad. Above the mark write the most important moments of your life when God has shown you his loving-kindness in tangible ways (e.g. an answer to prayer, the moment you gave your life to Christ, a moment when God showed you he was with you). Now take a few moments to thank God for those moments when he has shown you his love and compassion.

Knowing our roles as followers of Christ gives us clarity of vision, and sets us up for a life of authentic happiness. List in order of priority (starting with the most important) the 5 main roles God is asking you to fulfill in this season of your life?

1 _____ 3 _____ 5 _____
2 _____ 4 _____

Take time to evaluate your roles. Are you deferring or fulfilling God's plans for your life? If you were to maintain the priority of your list the way it is today, could you expect to live a life of authentic happiness? Are you actively participating in God's roles for your life? What is God calling you to do differently?

How can David's story serve you as a warning so that you don't trade off authentic happiness for temporary happiness?

Read 2 Samuel 12:11-31 What do you notice about David's attitude after he was confronted by the prophet Nathan? Once God forgave David, how did David deal with the consequences of his sin?

Read again 12:11-13. Notice that David did not: blame his failure on someone else (childhood issues, exhaustion, boredom, etc.); label it with an euphemism (a bad habit, a fling); justify his actions (e.g., everyone does it, the other person's fault, I'm trying my best); or hold back information to save face. Instead, David called his actions by their name, and he admitted he had breached his relationship with God. Do you have the same meekness to admit your sin to God and to other people when you are confronted? Explain.

Is there a mature Christian who is taking the role of Nathan in your life? Someone who loves Jesus and his word passionately and someone to whom you have given permission to call you out when your spiritual journey is in jeopardy? If not, who can you invite to take on this role? Should your D-group ask you next week if you found this person?

Take a few minutes to reread this weeks Scripture references.

Prayer

This week, I want to pray for my friends:

Your notes here:

Announcements

Discipleship Groups:

	Date and time	Location	Contact
Guys group	Mondays @ 9 am	SAC's piano room	Chase: (502) 759-4070
Girls group	Mondays @ 5:30 pm	SAC's piano room	Mary: meburk09@louisville.edu
Guys group	Monday @ 6:30 pm	SAC's piano room	Corey: (270) 312-3640
Guys group	Tuesdays 6:30 pm	Quill's coffee	Austin: (859) 913-9295
Coed Group	Wednesdays @ 3 pm	SAC's piano room	Ashley: (270) 312-9656
Guys group	Wednesdays 6:30 pm	SAC's piano room	Brandon: (502) 619-0770
Girls group	Thursdays @ 12:30 pm	SAC's piano room	Ashley: (270) 312-9656

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