



NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER
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2. _____, will leave me exhausted.

Everything is wearisome beyond description. No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content. Ecclesiastes 1:8 (NLT)

Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own. Luke 12:15 (NLT)

3. The _____ I'm looking, for is found in _____.

Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever. Psalm 73:25-26 (NLT)



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THIS WORLD WON'T SATISFY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

What is something you were really excited to get when you were younger, but the excitement wore off pretty quickly?

ENGAGE

What part of this weekend's message challenged or encouraged you the most?

GROW

~ Solomon said that everything he pursued apart from God was "like chasing the wind." What are some things people commonly chase today hoping they will bring satisfaction? Why do you think those things often leave us wanting more?

~ Brian shared that pleasure and fulfillment are not the same thing. How have you experienced the difference between temporary happiness and lasting fulfillment in your own life?

~ The illustration about always saying, "When I get there..." revealed how easy it is to live for the next thing. What is your current "when I get there" statement? How might that mindset affect your relationship with God today?

~ Brian shared how success, money, and comfort couldn't fill the emptiness he felt when he was running from God's calling. Have you ever experienced a time when something that looked successful on the outside still left you feeling empty on the inside?

~ Psalm 73:25 says, "I desire you more than anything on earth." What would it practically look like for you to desire God more than anything. What parts of your walk with Him would look different?

LEAD (YOURSELF):

This week, take five minutes at the end of each day and ask yourself these questions:

1. What did I spend the most time thinking about today?
2. What was I hoping would make me happy or fulfilled today?
3. Did that thing satisfy me, or did it leave me wanting more?