

**Life Group Discussion Guide - April 28th 2019**  
**“Something’s Missing”**

*This weeks sermon “**Something’s Missing**” dealt with the disparity in many believers lives between that which God has promised and that which we posses.*

*In our discussion we will begin this 7 week journey together by taking an honest look at the tension we face living one life in 2 worlds along with the question of why the list of Kingdom promises, outcomes or results for believers seems to be SO LONG in the pages of the New Testament yet SO SHORT in our daily lives.*

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**In Jesus longest recorded prayer Jesus says this to the Father:**

**John 17:15-16 ESV- Says-** *I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

**Q?** What does it mean for a follower of Jesus to be “IN” but not “OF” the world? How can this idea be reflected in our daily lives? **Discuss:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Read these next 2 verses back to back. Notice the tension between them.**

**1 John 2:15 ESV** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**Luke 19:13 ESV** Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’

**Q?** Do you ever experience the tension between the necessity of engaging in the necessary business of life in this world while simultaneously aiming to give your full devotion to loving Jesus? **Describe your tension, balance or approach in this.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Read The Following Aloud In Your Group:**

*\* Followers of Jesus are citizens of heaven who live to advance God’s Kingdom in the earth. We are promised internal & external power & provision to accomplish this mission while experiencing a supernatural joy in a world that will bring hostility & hardship at times.*

**The Problem:** If we are **HONEST**, much of the time believers feel that something's missing in the Power, Provision & Joy category.

As we finish this discussion, let's get real, putting away any need to look like Jesus perfect disciple. Remember- living by faith isn't denying reality -It's acknowledging THE LESSER REALITY while pressing toward A GREATER REALITY!

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Jesus did warn of trials, tribulation, suffering & hardship in this life, but he also declared this in **John 10:10** *"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." (life to the full)*

**Q?** What did Jesus mean when promising to give us a rich & satisfying life?

**Discuss:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Here are some examples of what Jesus meant:** *"Marks Of The Kingdom Life"*

**Philippians 4:7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**John 15:11** Jesus tells his disciples *"I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!"*

**Mark 11:23** *"Truly I tell you that if anyone says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and has no doubt in his heart but believes that it will happen, it will be done for him.*

\* If we are going to possess the rich & satisfying life Jesus purchased for us by His blood, we must acknowledge honestly **"where we are"**.

**Let's Close With One Final Question That Will Take Some Vulnerability.**

**Q?** Do you feel as though your daily life is "rich & satisfying", marked by "peace that surpasses all understanding", with overflowing joy? Are you moving mountains???

**OR - Is something missing?**  
**Discuss what seems to be missing & what you pray God will begin or restore over the upcoming weeks together** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Close by praying for one another in light of what each person shared**