

**Key Objective:**

That all people have been created to enjoy God. That Jesus came that we may have life and life in all it's fullness.

**Bible Talk:**

Created for Pleasure

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forever-more. Psalm 16:11

- Nothing enlarges the human heart like seeing and enjoying God
- Jesus came that you may have life in all it's fullness. - John 10.10
- The Joy of the Lord is my strength - Nehemiah 8.10
- Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. - Philippians 4.4
- There is a river of delights coming from his throne. - Psalm 36.8
- God is most glorified in me when I am most satisfied in him. - **John Piper**
- Humans are created for pleasure, searching for pleasure - ultimately found in Christ

They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. - Psalm 36:8

We are Enlarged on the inside by the knowledge of God

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“The key to friendship with God is not changing what you do, but changing your attitude toward what you do. What you normally do for yourself you begin doing for God, whether it is eating, bathing, working, relaxing, or taking out the trash.”

- **Brother Lawrence**

**Three Practical Steps:**

**1. Perspective Change** - It's all about relationship

This is eternal life that they may know him and his Son Jesus Christ. - John 17.3

- We were created by God to know God and enjoy God
- Prayer helps cultivate relationship
- Meeting God in his word is also to nurture and deepen relationship

**2. Pursue the adventure** - Growing in the knowledge of God

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. - Matthew 5:6

- Develop a hunger and thirst to be with God and to enjoy him
- This will take time but we enjoy people the more we get to know them
- It's about growing in the knowledge of who God is

**3. Practice the presence of God**

The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” - Exodus 33:14

- Turn your heart towards the Lord throughout the day - While driving, walking, in the gym and so forth...
- Practice his presence - becoming aware of him in every moment

