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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

## Week 4 | November 05, 2023

"IF ONLY ... I Had Success."

# [CONNECT]

What does success mean to you? Discuss what you believe to be the difference between success defined by culture, and success defined by God.

## [ENGAGE]

What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

# [GROW]

The BIG IDEA for this weekend was: Success is fulfilling your purpose, and your purpose is to glorify God. What does glorifying God look like in your personal life?

Read Deuteronomy 10:12. How does this verse apply to you? Are you living this out?

Discuss how the "benefits" of living an obedient life can help you right now in your relationship with Jesus. Which one(s) could you really use today? They include:

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- More patience for His <u>TIMING</u>.
- More **STABILITY** when life happens.
- A bigger <u>IMPACT</u> on others.

Being successful means being a servant. Are you being a true servant to Christ? When we enter into the presence of Jesus from this life to the next, the words we should want to hear are, "Well done my good and faithful servant..." Where are you serving in God's Kingdom right now? If not, where can you begin?

Being successful means being like Christ. Read 1 Peter 1:15-16, and discuss what it mean to "be holy because I am holy." The more we become like Christ, the more successful in the eyes of the Lord we become.

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

IF ONLY...

This week:

Remember our Big Idea: Success is fulfilling your purpose, and your purpose is to glorify God.

What's your purpose? For what or for whom are you living? To what is your success attached? Are you more successful in the eyes of culture, or in the eyes of Jesus?