



Destination: Satisfaction

ECCLESIASTES 2:1-26

ROUTE 1 *Pleasure*: A determined effort at careless _____ (vv. 1-3)

PLEASURE IS A DEAD END IN ITSELF BECAUSE IT LEADS TO ADDICTION AND EXHAUSTION, NOT ESCAPE.

ROUTE 2 *Stuff*: A relentless pursuit to acquire _____ (vv. 4-11)

STUFF IS A DEAD END IN ITSELF BECAUSE EVERYTHING BREAKS, SHRINKS, OR BECOMES OUTDATED.

ROUTE 3 *Knowledge*: A quest to acquire intellectual _____ (vv. 12-17)

KNOWLEDGE IS A DEAD END IN ITSELF BECAUSE YOU CAN'T OUTSMART DEATH.

ROUTE 4 *Work*: A respectable endeavor to build something _____ (vv. 18-23)

WORK IS A DEAD END IN ITSELF BECAUSE WHAT YOU BUILD WILL BE LEFT FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

ROUTE 5 *Godliness*: An acknowledgment of God in _____ (vv. 24-26)

GODLINESS IS THE ROUTE TO SATISFACTION BECAUSE ONLY GOD CAN PROVIDE JOY ALONG THE JOURNEY.

To enjoy the journey on the way to Satisfaction ...

Start every day telling God you want to travel with _____ .

Don't _____ those people God has given you, and you have chosen, to journey with.

Build _____ into your life so you can pick up your head and see what God is doing.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Name one or two things during the last week or so that you can say you truly savored and enjoyed in the moment.

2. Now talk about a time when you eagerly looked forward to something and either: a) it went perfectly but you still felt empty; or b) it was messy and imperfect despite your best planning. What was your reaction at the time? What did the experience teach you about life and about God?

Finding Satisfaction in Him

"Do you have a hunger for God? If we don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because we have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because we have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Our soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great."

-John Piper

"Our understanding of God is the answer to prayer; getting things from God is God's indulgence of us. When God stops giving us things, He brings us into the place where we can begin to understand Him."

-Oswald Chambers

"The first step toward a daily following of Christ is the denying of self."

-A. W. Pink

"We have within us a self that has its poison from Satan—from hell—and yet we cherish and nourish it. What do we not do to please self and nourish self, and we make the devil within us strong. Look at your own life. What are the works of hell? They are chiefly these three: self-will, self-trust, and self-exaltation."

-Andrew Murray

"Sin is believing the lie that you are self-created, self-dependent and self-sustained."

-Augustine

"Unsatisfied desire is in itself more desirable than any other satisfaction."

-C. S. Lewis

3. Which of the five routes the pastor talked about in the sermon are you most prone to pursue right now, and why? We all struggle with this, so be as honest as you can. How has this sermon shown you a different perspective?

4. Talk for a bit about the concept of *margin*. When margins are tight, what happens to your focus? Under what circumstances do you fall into the trap of not leaving any room for what God is doing around you? How can you change this?

5. Read the quote at left by C.S. Lewis. What point is he trying to get across? Do you agree or disagree? How can we let a desire go unfulfilled and still be satisfied?

6. After hearing this sermon, what changes do you want to make in order to pursue God above all else and enjoy the journey He has given you? What do you see yourself doing differently over the next few weeks to make this a reality?

Close in prayer. Focus your time on asking God's help to choose the right route in life.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of "The Source" at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

JOIN US FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THIS THURSDAY, MAY 4. The Sanctuary will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for you to come and pray for our country. From noon to 1 p.m. we'll also have an hour of corporate worship and prayer led by Senior Pastor Ted Kitchens. Limited Next Generation Kids Care available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. RSVP at www.ccbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP by this Tuesday, May 2.

LADIES, SPRING PRAYER RETREAT IS THIS WEEKEND. There's still time to join Women's Ministry in Glen Rose, TX this Friday, May 5 through Saturday, May 6. The retreat includes lots of time to spend one-on-one with God, plus short messages on prayer, worship and time with friends. Register today at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS AT LAUNCHING POINT NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 7. Come learn how God has uniquely gifted you with passions, abilities, personality and experiences to serve the Church. You'll connect to local ministries that need your gifts. Sign up today at www.ccbcfamily.org/startingpoint.

INTERESTED IN ADOPTION? COME TO THE HISCHILD MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 7. If you are an adoptive couple or praying about adoption, we'll be sharing stories, struggles and blessings associated with adoption to encourage you. Join us at 12:30 p.m. in Link Classroom South. Email Doug at HISchild@christchapelbc.org to learn more.

JOIN THE CAST AND CREW OF "CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG!" Before everyone's favorite flying car lands this August in a production of the Broadway musical, we're searching for singers, actors, dancers and a fleet of volunteers. Sign up for an audition or the production crew at www.ccbcfamily.org/musical today. Auditions will be held next Sunday, May 7 through Tuesday, May 9.

THE BOOKSTORE IS HAVING A CLEARANCE SALE! Stop by the Bookstore on the first floor of the Link Building after your worship service to peruse the shelves. Select Bibles and books are on sale.

ARTISTS, START PLANNING FOR ART REACH 2018. If you are a painter, photographer, sculptor or visual artist of another medium, start dreaming now of what you could create for the exhibition "Expressions of Truth." If you're interested in helping plan and put on Art Reach 2018, email Sharon at SharonW@christchapelbc.org for more information.

IMPORTANT PARKING NOTE: Please help us love our neighbors by not parking on the streets surrounding Christ Chapel. If our lots are full, remember that the remote lot and shuttle service behind the Montgomery Antique Mall on Montgomery Street is quick and easy with roundtrips to our front doors.