

Message Summary: The Bible never said, "God wants you happy". The belief that God wants us happy will cause us to chase after whatever we believe will make us happy. Some of you are thinking; "What's wrong with this?" Everything! It's entirely wrong. God never said that! Now before you conclude God doesn't care about your happiness, that's not accurate either. So...what does the Bible and God say about our happiness? Let's learn together.

Bible Never Said Series – part 1

“God Wants You Happy”

1. God's desire for you is fulfillment not simply happiness

John 10:10; 15:11

A. Understanding happiness

B. Understanding fulfillment

2. Fulfillment is a byproduct of following Psalm 37:4; Romans 8:6

A. Fulfillment does not mean pain free

B. Fulfillment is accumulative

C. Fulfillment is the sum total of your life

3. How can I go from pursuing happiness to receiving fulfillment?

- **Receive Jesus** John 1:12-13
- **Learn what following Jesus means** Luke 9:23-24
- **Trust Jesus with your life satisfaction** Jeremiah 17:9-10

LifeGroups begin this WEEK starting Sept. 13

Begin It (5min) – Open Prayer & Praise

Open it (10min) – Discuss the difference between fulfillment and happiness. Share your own experiences and journey with these two pursuits.

Explore It (60min) - Discussion Questions:

1. How is life fulfillment the result of following Jesus?
2. Discuss the accumulative nature of fulfillment.
3. In changing from chasing happiness to receiving fulfillment, we first must have a relationship with Jesus. Discuss why this is a pre-requisite?
4. What does it look like to truly trust Jesus with our life satisfaction and not pursue it ourselves? Share your own personal stories with this.

Apply It (15min): Are there any changes you need to make to experience the promise of fulfillment?