

The Paradox of Happiness - the more you pursue _____, the less likely you are to _____.

If you _____, you _____.

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Matthew 6:33 (ESV) - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Psalms 16:11 (ESV) - You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Distinctions between worldly happiness and fullness of joy

_____ vs. _____

James 1:2-4 (ESV) - Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV) - give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

_____ vs. _____

Psalms 136:1 (ESV) - Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.

_____ vs. _____

Romans 15:13 (ESV) - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

_____ vs. _____

Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV) - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

John 16: 20 (ESV) - Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

This type of happiness only comes from _____

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Abiding in Jesus means you are vitally connected to him.

We stay connected through:

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Psalms 42:5 (ESV) - Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation



Info Guide

Welcome

We're glad you're here! This Info Guide will help you learn how to get connected at Manna and share what is available to you at the service today. We hope you feel at home and enjoy your time with us.

What to Expect

During today's worship experience, you can expect about a 70-minute service. It will begin with approximately 20-25 minutes of worship, then a brief time of announcements, followed by a 35-minute biblical and practical message delivered by our Pastor, and we will conclude our time together with another short time of worship.

Pizza With the Pastor

If you want to learn what Manna Church is passionate about, where we are going, and how you can be a part of this adventure, then NextStep is for you. It is a 4-week small group that meets the first four Sundays of every month. Childcare is provided and you can learn the times and locations at the info center in the lobby. We would love for you to take this step!

CONNECTION CARD

If you're a first-time guest, we would love for you to fill out a connection card. No one is planning to call you or come by your house—we just want to thank you for joining us today and to let you know what is available to you here at Manna.

Small Groups

Manna Church is not a church with small groups, we are a small groups church. On Sundays, we gather corporately to be inspired by the presence and Word of God. However, friendships, discipleship, and growth primarily happen in the context of a small group. **The Fall Small Group Cycles begins September 9th. Sign up to Lead a group today!**

Manna Kids

We promise a clean and safe environment where children can experience and enjoy the love of Jesus. The Nursery/Preschool experience is available for kids 6 weeks through Kindergarten and the Elementary experience is for children in 1st through 5th grade. We would love to have your child join us!

Manna Students

If you are in 6th to 12th grade, come join Manna Students on Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Manna Church Offices! We meet every week during the small group cycle for games, worship, biblical teachings, and small groups! We hope you will join us!

FREE GIFT

If it is your first time with us, we have a gift available for you in the lobby at the end of service. We simply want to give you a gift to thank you for being with us today!