

Part 5 | Awakening to Life: Now This Is Living!

Living life to the fullest is not about getting "more" out of life: more money, more experiences, more vacations, more "toys," more achievements. A full and satisfying life is about three vital relationships: your relationship with God, your relationship with other believers, and your relationship - and influence - with the world around you.

Bottom Line: Abundant life is experienced through intimacy, community, and influence.

Discussion Questions

- 1. When have you felt most alive?
- 2. What changes have you already seen in yourself during the process of returning to God? What changes do you hope to see for yourself in your future?
- 3. The New Testament has two words that are translated "life": One is <u>bios</u> which has to do with our natural life, chronological life, and the quantity of life. The other word is <u>zoe</u> and it has more to do with the quality of life.
- 4. In the message it was said that in developing your relationship with God, there is a public aspect and a private aspect. What practices have you found most important in the "private" aspect of developing your relationship with God?
 - a. Of these two, which have you found to be most impactful, and why? How have they worked together?
 - b. What practices have you found most important in the "private" aspect of developing your relationship with God?
- 5. How has your consistent involvement in a small group of other believers impacted your life? How has it made your life more full? How has it impacted your relationship with God?
- 6. How has serving others in the name of Jesus impacted your own life? How has connecting your efforts to the Gospel impacted you personally?
- 7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
- 8. How can the group encourage you this week?