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Danny Anderson
Soul Keeping, week 2

The soul has desires that are unlimited.

- *Just as Death and Destruction are never satisfied, so human desire is never satisfied. - Proverbs 27:20*
- “We are limited in every way but one: we have unlimited desire.”
- Kent Dunnington

The soul’s deep desires make us vulnerable to idolatry.

- Idolatry is trying to satisfy the desires of the soul with something other than God.

Idolatry ruins the soul.

- *Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods. - Psalm 16:4*
- **You will live in constant dissatisfaction.**
- “I hope everybody could get rich and famous and will have everything they ever dreamed of, so they will know that it’s not the answer.”
- Jim Carrey
- **You will lose your soul.**
- *And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? - Mark 8:36*

Your soul is made to be satisfied by God.

- *O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. - Psalm 63:1*
- *My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips. - Psalm 63:5*
- *My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. - Psalm 63:8*
- “The truth is, the soul’s infinite capacity to desire is the mirror image of God’s infinite capacity to give. The unlimited neediness of the soul matches the unlimited grace of God.” - John Ortberg

God is enough.

- *The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. - Psalm 16:5*
- *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. - Psalm 16:11*
- *Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.” - John 4:13-14*

Drink!

- *“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.” - John 7:37*
- *I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. - John 6:35*

| WEEKLY BIBLE READING | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| One Year New Testament | SUNDAY Acts 9:26-43 | MONDAY Acts 10:1-23 | TUESDAY Acts 10:24-48 |
| This Week → | June 14 | June 15 | June 16 |
| WEDNESDAY Acts 11:1-30 | THURSDAY Acts 12:1-23 | FRIDAY Acts 12:24 – 13:14a | SATURDAY Acts 13:14b-41 |
| June 17 | June 18 | June 19 | June 20 |
| WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE: PSALM 63:1 | | | |

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

1. There's no question, we are all needy. When was the last time you felt like you "really needed" something only to find yourself unsatisfied not long after you got it?

How do you respond to the idea that your soul is needy? When would you say you have felt most aware of the neediness of your soul?

2. Danny said, "The soul's neediness makes us vulnerable to idolatry." Give some examples for how our culture seeks to fill the needs of our wills, minds, and bodies with things that promise satisfaction, but fail to deliver?

Idolatry has been defined as "the sin of the soul meeting its needs with anything that distances it from God." How do you respond to the idea that we commit this kind of idolatry every day? In your own life, how would you recognize when something has moved from being a legitimate desire into the "idolatry zone?"

3. Psalm 16:4 says, "Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods." Has there ever been a time when you experienced trouble because you were chasing after satisfaction in something other than God? If so, please share your experience. How did you respond to the trouble and unsatisfied feelings?

Author John Ortberg wrote, "Our soul's problem is not its neediness; it's our fallenness. Our need was meant to point us to God." READ Psalm 63:1-8. How would you characterize your "thirst" for God right now? Is it on the high side, the low side, or somewhere between? What factors lead you to this conclusion?

4. READ John 4:13-14. When asked how to experience deep satisfaction and greater levels of spiritual growth, Dallas Willard replied, "You must arrange your days so that you are experiencing total contentment, joy, and confidence in your everyday life with God."

What specific things will you need to rearrange in order to experience deep contentment, joy, and confidence in your everyday life with God?



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Greenwood Campus

June 13 & 14, 2015

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

BANTA

668

GREENWOOD

2,762

TOTAL IMPACT

Both Campuses

Attendance: 3,430

Offering: \$78,809

May Attendance Averages: Banta - 719, Greenwood - 2,898

May Giving Average: \$81,574

\$91,000 per week fully funds our 2-Year Vision.