





### For Group Discussion

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

#### Introduction

People desire the “good life,” and most people think it consists of wealth, beauty, freedom, and fame. However, the life Jesus desires for us doesn’t necessarily include any of those attributes. Everyone can experience the good life Jesus desires for us through him and him alone. Although you may be prevented from buying certain things, going certain places, or spending time with certain people, you will never be denied access to Jesus and the good life he has prepared for you.

#### Discussion Questions

1. Describe the type of life most people are referring to when they use the term “good life.” Who does our society say will never attain the “good life?”

2. Read Matthew 8:1-4 & Luke 17:11-14. Lepers were considered to be “unblessable” in early century Jewish culture, but throughout the gospels, we see Jesus healing these people from disease and affliction. What was the purpose and meaning of his healing miracles?

Read Matthew 5:3-12. No matter where you are in life, you are never beyond being “blessed.” Have you ever felt that you were beyond the reach of God’s tender touch at some point in your life? Why?

3. What does the “good life” Jesus desires for us look like? Read Matthew 13:44-46. What is Jesus teaching about the kingdom of God in this passage? Who would Jesus say is living the “good life” in this world? What does “selling everything” look like for you?

4. Read Matthew 6:33. Jesus desires for us to experience more and more of the kingdom life, and nobody lived life in the kingdom better than Jesus. How

### Small Group Questions Continued

do we become the type of person who will align our thoughts and actions to that of Jesus? Discuss some different ways Jesus sought after the kingdom of God. How will you apply these ideas to your life this upcoming week?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. Emmanuel’s vision is to provide more and more people the opportunity to attain the “good life” through the message of the gospel. Will you commit to pray about your gift toward building a multi-site campus in Franklin?

#### OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION

##### OUR CHURCH

Are you interested in helping with the weekend services? Our Production Team is looking for volunteers in all areas. Contact Kyle Thompson at [kylethompson@eclife.org](mailto:kylethompson@eclife.org).

##### OUR COMMUNITY

Habitat for Humanity needs our help. A new build in Bargersville will begin September 14, and there are several days Emmanuel has been asked to help. If you are interested, email Kerry Jones at [kjones@eclife.org](mailto:kjones@eclife.org).

##### OUR WORLD

Check [eclife.org](http://eclife.org) for the dates of upcoming trips working with our ministry partners in Haiti, Nicaragua, and Colombia. If you can’t go on a trip, commit to pray for others, sponsor a member by helping financially, and/or write letters of encouragement for the members going. The next team is traveling to Nicaragua in October.

#### Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

I’m accountable for \_\_\_\_\_, and their action steps are \_\_\_\_\_.

My memory verse is \_\_\_\_\_.

This coming week, I’m praying for: