

Community Group Discussion Guide

January 18, 2015

Week 3 | Delighting in God Psalm 37

Introduction

We all have dreams for our lives. The key thing is to keep dreaming those dreams and do it on the basis of who God is and our relationship with him. This week's sermon focuses on delighting in God.

Read all of Psalm 37. Before we focus on a smaller passage within this psalm, reading the whole thing will give you a sense of the larger context.

Questions for Study

- 1. How would you define "delight"?
- 2. When you think of things people delight in, what comes to mind? In what things do you personally find delight?
- 3. Psalm 37:4 tells us to "delight in God." How does this line up with ways you've previously thought about relating to God? (E.g. perhaps mechanical obedience, dutiful obligation, fear-of-punishment, maintaining "personal space", etc.)
- 4. What do you think it means to delight in God? How do you know if this is the way you're approaching Him? What might this look like in your daily life?
- 5. How does *delighting* in God add an important dimension to the way you should relate to Him?
- 6. Why is God worth delighting in? (Hint: Spend some time looking through the rest of Psalm 37. What do you read there that helps answer this question?)
- 7. The end of Psalm 37:4 says that when we delight in God, "He will give us the desires of our heart." What are some ways this verse could be misunderstood?
- 8. When our genuine personal delight is in God, how does this shape what we want our "dreams," or "the desires of our heart"?
- 9. In what practical ways should this message be influencing your life this week, and as you look ahead to 2015?
- 10. What else either directly from the sermon or something related to it were you hoping to discuss? Consider especially questions you still have and/or major take-aways from this week's message.