



Introduction

We're in a series called "Your Best Self." So many things in our lives are vying for the chance to mold us into their image of the perfect "you." But, what if we let God's voice have a little more priority in giving us guidance? In this series, we're getting closer to Jesus and letting Him help us become the people God created us to be.

To watch this week's sermon before your group discussion, go to www.journeyoffaith.com/messages

Share Your Story

1. Why do you desire to be successful in your life?

Hear God's Story

2. In the sermon we learned about how pursuing success can turn us into fools (see Titus 3:3). We saw the parallel of pursuing success vs. pursuing Jesus.
 - a. What are your thoughts about this contrast between "The Problem" and "The Alternative"?

The Problem	The Alternative
Pursuing Success	Pursue Jesus
Impermanent, Ambiguous, Deceitful	Eternal, Ensured, True
Cost: Everything	Cost: Everything
Result: Foolishness and Burnout	Result: Success

3. Read Luke 6:47-48. If building our lives on the foundation of Jesus (rather than on success) is like a "rock" of a foundation, what's one thing you battle within yourself that tends to want to push you away from this?
4. Read Luke 14:25-15:1 carefully, all the way through. After a short and quiet pause of reflection, discuss: How is the Holy Spirit using this text to minister to you right now?

Pray

5. Spend a few minutes in prayer as a group praying for what we've discussed, being sure to give God praise in addition to bringing your requests to Him.

Reading Recommendations

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry, by John Mark Comer
The Patient Firmament of the Early Church, by Alan Kreider

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