

WEEK 13 (July 24, 2016)

## INTRODUCTION

Upgrade...your phone, your internet, your computer. We know what that looks like. Upgrade...your life. What does THAT look like? Join us as we dig into questions like, "What's the point of life?" "How can I be truly happy?" "How can I make the most of my time?" In a search for answers we'll look at some of the complexities of life and apply timeless wisdom from one of the wisest men who ever lived.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. If you're a parent, what has been the best part about being a parent? If you're not a parent, talk about a child or teenager in your life that you influence—what's the best part of that relationship?
- 2. Read Proverbs 22:6. Do you think this is true?
  - Note: If you missed the message this weekend, make sure you highlight for the group that in this verse "train" means something closer to "prepare" and the verse is mostly about preparing a child of any age—up to a young adult—for a life of purpose.
- 3. For those in the group who might already be parents: What is one of the most difficult seasons of parenting that you've been through?
- 4. Read 1 John 4:7-12. If we look at this through the lens of parenting or influencing young people in our lives, how does this impact how we parent?
- 5. If you could influence your children—or any young person you're close with—in just one, single way, what would it be?

Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

-1 John 4:11-12



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