

YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG

John 5.39-44 // August 23, 2020

PEDRO PROMISES

A person who has a message and lifestyle of “dying to self,” serving others, laying aside rights and privileges, and walking humbly is not an easy person to follow, because we ourselves don’t naturally want to be like that. But the person who comes in self-promotion with all the things we *do want*, like power, comfort, charisma, and the promises of being able to bring us satisfaction, that is the kind of person we *do* want to follow.

**We don’t want to be conformed to the image of God,
We want God to be conformed into our image.**

We don’t desire to see or know God and His glory because we already have our fill with the glory of other people and things. Our stomachs are full. We can’t even see Him because we are blinded by the glory of lesser things.

Psalm 115.4-9 // Matthew 13.15

IDOL HUNTING

**Worry, fear, sadness, and depression are smoke
from the fires rising from the altars of idolatry.**
-Augustine

The questions on the right help us do some “idol hunting.” When we explore and find the things that most consume us, most drive us, most shape our daily lives and feelings and thinking and identity, we can begin to recognize what “glories” we are being insufficiently satisfied with.

**You have made us for yourself, oh Lord.
Our hearts are restless, until they find their rest in You.**
-Augustine

A BETTER WAY

**We worship our way into sin,
So we need to worship our way out of sin.**

**The Means of Grace are not the goal.
They are the means! The goal is to find Jesus *by* the means!**

Matthew 6.5 // Psalm 1

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Acts 4:32-33

32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. **33** And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

- What things are you most passionate about?
- What do you first think of when you wake up, go to bed, and during the day?
- What preoccupies you? What do you daydream about?
- Where do you turn for comfort when things are not going well?
- What do I do to cope? What do I do to relieve pressure?
- What one thing do you most hope is in your future?
- What do I really want and expect out of life?
- What is the one thing you most worry about, or worry about losing?
- If you could change things about yourself right now, what would it be?
- What thing have you sacrificed the most for?
- Who is there in your life that you feel like you can’t forgive, and why?
- What specific past hurts still come to mind from time to time?
- When do you feel the most significant? What brings the most self-worth?
- What are you most proud of? For what do I want to be known?
- When you first meet someone, what do you make sure they know about you?
- What triggers depression or sadness in you?
- What do you get most defensive or protective about?
- What topics are “off limits” for discussion or critique; what do you keep most private, or you get most offended by when others disagree? Marriage, parenting, money, past sin?
- What prayer, if unanswered, would make me seriously think about turning away from God?

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 5.39-44**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

What particular Gospel truths were most impactful to help you in your pursuit of Jesus, rather than just empty religion?

Your Life Mission

What relationships or conversations are upcoming that you could use prayer for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision**
 - Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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