

Sunday Sermon Questions • 5/31/2026

The Lies We Believe – Week 7: God just wants me to be happy.

Happiness vs. Holiness

What are some ways our culture encourages us to prioritize happiness over obedience to God? Have you ever experienced tension between what felt good and what you knew God was calling you to do?

The Purpose of Trials

James says to “consider it pure joy” when facing trials because they produce perseverance and maturity. How have difficult seasons in your life shaped your faith or character in ways comfort never could?

Living as a “Living Sacrifice”

Romans 12 calls believers to offer themselves as “living sacrifices.” What do you think that looks like practically in everyday life? What sacrifices are hardest for people to make today?

Recognizing God’s Work in Struggle

The sermon pointed out that many people assume God’s will should always feel easy or comfortable. Why do you think struggle and resistance can sometimes be signs that we are actually following God faithfully?

Fruit That Lasts

The sermon contrasts temporary happiness with the lasting fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, etc.). Which fruit of the Spirit do you most want God to grow in your life right now, and what might be getting in the way?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help us to stop chasing temporary happiness and instead pursue obedience and holiness in You. Give us strength to trust You in seasons of struggle, knowing that You are using every trial to shape us more into the image of Christ. Fill us with Your Spirit so that our lives would overflow with lasting joy, peace, and faithfulness no matter our circumstances.
Amen.