

Message Notes | Citizenship

Part 5: The Pursuit of Happiness

John 20:19-23

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happiness will come along too.**

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→ a rich man and Zacchaeus - **Mark 10:21-22, Luke 19:8**

#2 Prioritize _____ above _____.

→ what pursuing happiness was supposed to be

→ you have a godly purpose - **Romans 14:17-18**

#3 Strict _____ allows you to _____ others.

→ joy in the worst circumstance - **John 20:19-23**

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1. How would you define *happiness*?
2. Who is the happiest person you know? What makes them that way?
3. What role does self-care and self-improvement play when it comes to pursuing holiness?
4. Do you tend to be overly protective when it comes to physical things you own, to the point where you don't want people to get in the way of your stuff? If so, where does that come from?
5. **Read Mark 10:21-22 and Luke 19:8.** Jesus invited both of these people to follow him, but they had very different reactions. How were they different, and why do you think that is?
6. **Read John 20:19-23.** After his resurrection, Jesus commissioned his disciples to share his forgiveness with others. Think of a recent time when you didn't get your way, and it resulted in unhappiness and bitterness. Taking what you learned from this message, how could you have navigated it differently?
7. What's one thing you do this week to let your joy of God's peace be shown through happiness?

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Bible Reading for Today

John 20:19-23

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

