



## Sermon Questions

Date: *April 16, 2023* | Scripture: 1 Cor 10:23-33

1. Read the passage from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. What do you think your chief end is? What does your calendar say the chief end of your life is? What would your best friends or your children say the chief end of your life is?
3. What do you find yourself naturally praising? Where do you express praise in your day-to-day life?
4. How does Jesus embody the chief end of man? How does Jesus set an example of glorifying and enjoying God?
5. How has this church helped you glorify God and enjoy him more?

### *Inward Grace in Action (continued on back)*

This series we are working through our church's mission statement: "We exist to glorify and enjoy God by making disciples who make a difference through grace-filled worship, community, and mission."

The first part of our mission statement is a quotation from our confessional standards. The Westminster Larger Catechism Question 1 reads as follows:

Question 1: What is the chief and highest end of man?

Answer 1: Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever. (Rom 11:36, 1 Cor 10:31, Ps 73:24-28)

Many in our church's denomination tend to understand the first command easily but struggle with the second. Enjoying God can sound abstract and often leads to people feeling shame for enjoying things other than God. The apostle Paul helps remedy that problem. We are free to enjoy God by enjoying the good things in his creation with thanksgiving. Read 1 Timothy 4:4-5:

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

### **WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Deuteronomy 32:1-9
- Psalm 29
- Habakkuk 3:17-19
- John 1:1-18
- 1 Tim 4:1-4
- Revelation 4:1-11

*Serve*: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

*Pray* for the Washington campus Reformed Theological Seminary, that its students grow in both knowledge and love of God as they are equipped for their calls to ministry.

*Reach out* if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

- Where do you find the most joy? Which activities do you enjoy the most? Who are the people you most enjoy being with?
- How might you connect that joy back to God?

**ACTION:** Set aside some time this week to do something you really enjoy, whether it's taking fifteen minutes to go for a walk or an hour to listen to a whole album or Saturday morning to drive to the country and see some cows. Then spend a few minutes in prayer at the end of the activity and again at the end of the day celebrating God for that joy.