**Greater Than**

**True Satisfaction- Week #3**

**Small Group Notes**

**April 29 and May 2, 2021**

**Introduction:**

Socrates is quoted as saying: ““He who is not contented with what he has, would not be contented with what he would like to have.” Do you agree or disagree with his statement? Why?

What have you discovered is the key to contentment? What is the relationship of contentment and satisfaction?

In today’s discussion we are going to see from Hebrews what it means for us to truly be satisfied in Christ!

**Discuss:**

1. John 4:10-14

* We are prone to quench our thirst with something that will never satisfy.
* Jesus is far greater than anything that we may try to quench our thirst with.
* The living water of the King truly satisfies

Explain: There are actually drinks that dehydrate someone instead of hydrate them; examples include coffee, tea, and alcohol. In our world today, we have many people that are searching for the living water that satisfies and yet they seek contentment in things that never truly fulfill our lives. Understanding how Jesus pointed the Samaritan woman to Himself affirms our need to experience the same living water (Isaiah 55:1-2; Revelation 22:17)

Ask:

**What things stand out to you about the way that Jesus describes the living water (Himself)?**

**What are ways that you feel that you connect to the story of the Samaritan woman?**

2. Hebrews 3:1; 2:17-18

* We have been invited to fix our eyes on Jesus.

Explain: For the audience of Hebrews, they viewed Moses as the most respected figure in Jewish history. When you look back on his life and how he led the people it is easy to see how people saw that in him. Therefore, the issue was that people were prone to follow Moses instead of seeing themselves as followers of Jesus. By showing that Jesus was superior to Moses, it was the author’s way of affirming Jesus as the Messiah and the only One that we are to fix our eyes on in our lives.

Ask:

**Read Philippians 3:12-15. What choices could we be faced with when we are called to fix our eyes on Jesus?**

**What are some situations that you encounter may be opportunities to help others focus on Jesus as well? How does that reflect our heavenly calling?**

3. Hebrews 3:2-4

* Moses was a great glimpse, but not the King.
* When you are satisfied by the King, you don’t long for lesser things.

Explain: Just as a house points to a builder that chose the place of building, the materials, the floor plan, and foundation, so also are we to see that Hebrews affirms that Moses was a faithful to His calling as one that points to Jesus, not stands in the place of Jesus. Therefore, we join with Moses as being those that point to Jesus as being the Builder of our lives rather than trying to build our own houses for our own glory and satisfaction.

Ask:

**What are the times in our lives when the lesser things look more attractive than the greatest thing of following Jesus? Why do we choose these things?**

**How does understanding our relationship to Jesus as the Builder and we are the house help us to live on mission for Him?**

4. Hebrews 3:5-6

* The Son satisfies if we are willing to drink.

Explain: The writer emphasized that Christian living involves perseverance. People who have made a genuine commitment to Christ persevere in that commitment. We are God’s household—members of a greater family—if we hold on to the courage and the confidence of our hope. Therefore, people who are members of God’s family (house) follow Jesus’ greater example of faithfulness. The key again for us as believers is to not allow things that dissatisfy to rule our lives but rather to drink from the only One that does satisfy.

Ask:

**Why is it important to see the bigger family (household) that we are a part of when we follow Jesus? How does that encourage your faithfulness to Jesus and to the church? How does that change the way that you view serving the Lord?**

**Think about a situation you are going through right now that is requiring you to persevere. How has today’s discussion motivated you to keep going?**