

Let Them Look
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Big Idea: Let _____ God become _____ than pleasing people.

Mark 1.32-39

32 That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus.

33 The whole town gathered at the door to watch.

34 So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak.

35 Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.

36 Later Simon and the others went out to find him.

37 When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you."

38 But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came."

39 So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons. (NLT)

Question: Would you consider yourself a people pleaser?

Galatians 1.10

10 Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to **please** people? If I were still trying to **please** people, I would **not** be a servant of Christ. (NIV)

1 Thessalonians 2.4

4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to **please** man, but to **please** God who tests our hearts. (ESV)

The Hang Up: Each of us have a tendency to be _____ and _____ by trying to please others.

Pleasing God:

We do our _____ to live in _____ with God's written word.
Psalms 119.133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. (KJV)

Pleasing God:

We do our _____ to be _____ of the Holy Spirit's leading.
Romans 8.14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (ESV)

Pleasing God:

Even at our _____, we will still miss the _____.
James 3.2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well. (NASB)

When we let pleasing God become bigger than pleasing people we...

Handle pressure _____.

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Make God a part of our _____.

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James 1.5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. (NIV)

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Create times to be _____.

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Mark 6.31 Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while. (NASB)

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Redirect demanding _____.

Mark 1.36-37

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Live out our _____.

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John 6.38

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. (ESV)

John 12.46

I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. (ESV)

Colossians 1.16

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible...everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. (MSG)

The man without purpose is like a ship without a rudder – a waif, a nothing, a no man." – Thomas Carlyle

Big Idea: Let pleasing God become bigger than pleasing people.

Our Hope:

Pleasing God starts by having a relationship with Him.

Throughout this next week reflect personally, how you can become better at pleasing God over pleasing people?

In the upcoming days, how will you redirect the demands of people to focus on greater priorities in life?