



SERMON DISCUSSION

How To Live Happily Ever...Before

Quotable Moments:

- A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. Proverbs 22:1

Scripture: Proverbs 22:1

Key Things You Heard:

- Living HAPPILY EVER... BEFORE is being at peace in your marriage and/or other relationships, content with possessions, status, jobs, and a multitude of other life conditions without regard or reliance on any positive outside circumstance or event.
- THREE Rules to live HAPPILY ever... Before... 1) BE someone of value. 2) DO something of value. 3) TEACH someone that value
- Value is "doing acts of worth or importance that elevate the quality of a person or environment."
- Realize "The Outcome" isn't about "The Income".

Pray: Jesus, thank you for the family you have given me. Thank you for those you have put in my life to make an impact. Today, I choose to pursue a great name over riches and honor. I choose to invest in relationships and pursuits that impact others to follow Jesus. Help me not to get distracted by what the culture around me values, but to instead focus on what you value most. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- Call someone close to you and ask forgiveness for a specific area.
- Identify someone who you want to learn from in this area. Invite them to coffee or a meal and ask them questions about how they got to where they are.
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to rivertown.cc or the RCC App.

Questions for Group Discussion:

First Minutes: What is your favorite childhood fairy tale? Why?

- When you were in your teens, what picture did you have of "living happily ever after?" What happened to crush your hope of that happening?
- What does "success" look like to you?
- John Maxwell wrote: "There's something wrong when those who know me LEAST respect me the MOST and those who know me MOST respect me the LEAST." How is that different from what our culture promotes and encourages?
- Read Proverbs 22:1. Share about someone you know personally who has a good name. How much is that good name worth?
- Share your answer to this question: At the end of my life, I'd like people to line up and thank me for _____.
- Dale asked: "What breaks your heart? What are you going to do to make it better? Share your current answer with the group.
- Divide into groups of 2-3 people and pray for each other as they commit to live out the answers to the above question.