

Your Best Life Later

Mark 8:31—9:13

Following Jesus is not the way to get _____
_____, but it is the way to get _____.

Promises of ultimate gratification:

Psalm 16:11
Daniel 12:3
Matthew 13:43
Matthew 24:30-31
Matthew 26:29
Luke 12:37
Luke 13:29
Luke 14:14
Luke 18:7-8
Luke 19:17
Romans 8:23
1 Corinthians 13:12
1 Corinthians 15:49
2 Corinthians 4:17
Philippians 2:10-11
1 Thessalonians 4:17
2 Timothy 4:8
1 John 3:2
Revelation 2:26
Revelation 3:21
Revelation 5:13
Revelation 7:16
Revelation 14:13
Revelation 21:3-4
Revelation 22:5

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.

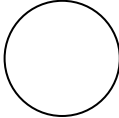
—1 Corinthians 2:9

How to live for ultimate gratification: _____



Transformed by the Truth

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the different reasons people become Christians? What motivated you to become a Christian?
2. How is the Christian life different than you expected it to be when you first trusted Christ? Have you ever been surprised or disappointed by God? If so, how?
3. Draw a pie chart showing how much you think about life in the present vs. how much you think about life in the future. Do you think the distribution of your thoughts is healthy or unhealthy? Why? (Read Colossians 3:2 for help with this.)

4. Of the promises of "ultimate gratification" listed on the outline, which are your three favorites? Why?
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5. In what areas of your life do you feel the Holy Spirit is convicting you to "listen to Jesus" (Mark 9:7)? What specific changes must you make in order to obey Him more fully in this area?