

Personal/Group Training Guide
Week of 9/2/18

“Communion = Real Life”

- (1) The sermon was about real life. How does our culture define real life? What is real life to you?
- (2) Read 1 John 1:1-4. What does it mean to you that Jesus was a manifestation of the life to come? In other words, what significance do you find in knowing that Jesus revealed eternal life?
- (3) In looking at what you know about the life of Christ, what characteristics did He display that you hope to experience? What does this say about how we should be living our lives now?
- (4) Read John 15:5. If real life is found in communion with God through Christ, how can we maintain this communion?
- (5) Read 1 John 1:3. Communion refers to the sharing of goods/benefits between those who are connected. Given that we are in fellowship (communion) with God and Christ, what do we receive/have as a result of this communion? What do we have to offer God?
- (6) Read 2 Peter 1:3-4. In your own words, what are these verses saying? What does it mean to be “partakers of the divine nature?”
- (7) Read 1 John 1:4. John says that he is sharing this in order to make his joy complete. How does sharing “Good News” make one’s joy complete.
- (8) That verse is also translated as “to make your joy complete.” How does this work? How does knowing this bring joy to your life?
- (9) Describe the difference between being happy and being joyful. How can we maintain the joy that comes through communion with God? Describe how we cannot feel/know this joy – even though we know Christ as Savior?
- (10) What steps can you take to feel/be more joyful? What can you do to know and more fully experience this communion with God?