



## Part 4: Regifting Life

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### What really is the good life?

#### 1. The good life lasts forever, without condemnation

##### **John 3:16-18**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

#### 2. The good life is based on belief

**John 6:** Begins with the story of feeding the 5,000

##### **John 6:25-29**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

##### **Hebrews 11:6**

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

#### 3. The good life is protected and full

##### **John 10:7-10**

Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

*Ultimately Jesus is calling us to give up our personal preferences and instead pursue his preferred plan.*

### **How do we regift life?**

1. Be grace and forgiveness to others
2. Keep eternity in front of you
3. Model belief
4. Live a full life

### **Small Group Questions**

- 1) Did you get anything for Christmas that's headed straight to the regift pile? What was it?
- 2) Do you know someone who seems to really live and knows how to regift that life to others? What do you see them doing?
- 3) Are you living the life you want to live? Why or why not?
- 4) What do you think is keeping you from living the life Jesus has for you?
- 5) As you head into 2015, do you sense that Jesus is asking you to change your life in any way? Share with the group what that looks like.
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?