Good God - Path of Life

August 6-7, 2016

Community:

- 1. What was your favorite vacation growing up? Have you been back as an adult?
- 2. How do you spend most of your downtime at home (TV, reading, internet, phone, etc.)?

Core:

- 1. Scott Nickell shared this quote from C.S. Lewis: "It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased." Where do you think you are too "easily pleased"?
- **2.** Is there anything in your life that is a *good thing*, that you have made an *ultimate thing*?
- **3. Read Psalm 16:1-2**. When you seek refuge, where do you go? Is God your first choice? Why or why not?
- **4.** Do you live your life like all good things come from God? Do you struggle believing what King David writes in Psalm 16:2? If so, what is your biggest struggle?
- **5. Read Psalm 16:11, John 14:6** and **John 10:10.** Do you feel like God has "made known to you the path of life" (Jesus)? If so, how has your life changed?
- **6.** What do you think it means to have *life abundantly*? How does the idea of an abundant life give you hope today—and in the future?

Challenge:

Sometimes there are things in our lives that we don't notice about ourselves that others do. Scott challenged everyone to find a friend or family member and ask them this question:

"Do you see any good thing in my life that I have made into an ultimate thing?"

Ask someone that question this week, then (without reacting or getting defensive) take in what they have to say and then ask God to help you process their answer—helping you to make Him your *ultimate thing*.

