

Hacked:

Feeling Good (10.15.17)

S Scripture
O Observation
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P Prayer



Main Point: We *want* happiness, but we *need* endurance.

- What's one idea from the message that stood out to you? Why do you think it grabbed you?
- What makes you happy?
- When have you needed endurance?

Read: The Third Claim of Moralistic Therapeutic Deism: The central goal of life is to be happy and feel good about oneself.

- How is this claim appealing and why is it difficult to resist?
- What is dangerous about the desire to be happy?
- Why do you think people have the mentality that a Christian life is supposed to be happy, and how can we help clarify that viewpoint?

Read: John 16:33, 2 Corinthians 4:11-12, 14-17, and James 1:2-4.

- How does the combination of troubles and peace presented in these passages compare and contrast with your opinions on how life is supposed to be?
- When has endurance helped you when happiness has failed?

Read: CS Lewis presents an idea that there are things in life that should be considered *first things* and there are things considered *second things*, and the only way you get the second things is by putting the first things first.

- What are some second things that you have put ahead of first things? How did that work out?
- How can we prioritize things properly?
- When someone's happiness has faded, how can you help them to endure?

Prayer: Pray for endurance to persevere through the trials we face.