

Divine Satisfaction

Focus We can live satisfied lives!

Fun Nothing satisfies hunger like a Snickers bar! Set out a bowl of yummy treats for the members of your group to enjoy.

Review Key Scriptures: Psalm 103:1–5; Proverbs 30

We are finishing up a series called *Divine Benefits*. Psalm 103:1–4 shows us four of the five benefits believers receive from God: divine forgiveness, divine health, divine redemption, and divine crowns. In Psalm 103:5, we learn the last benefit received from God is divine satisfaction: "Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." What does it mean when God satisfies you? There are four questions that will answer this for us.

What is satisfaction?

Psalm 84:11; Proverbs 18:22

The Hebrew definition means "to be made full," to be so full you are on the verge of overflowing. God satisfies the person who can control his mouth with good things. If you can't control your words and your appetite (i.e., a desire for material things), you will never be satisfied.

Who satisfies?

Proverbs 14:14; Ecclesiastes 5:10; Psalm 145:16

The person who forgives, heals, redeems, and crowns is the same person who satisfies. God is the only one that can satisfy us. You will never be satisfied by anyone or anything other than God.

What is the result of satisfaction?

Proverbs 30:11-16

We're living in a generation that's never satisfied—a generation of entitlement—but God wants to restore our youth like the eagle as long as we don't get greedy.

How do you receive satisfaction?

Isaiah 53:11-12

Satisfaction is received from God by grace through faith. Divine benefits are for full-time "employees." Satisfaction is guaranteed for people who give all and make the investment.

Discuss

- 1. The mouth is a powerful weapon. Many of us aren't satisfied because our mouth is not satisfied. Are there any areas in your life where your words and appetite (desire for material things) are not under control? What are some things you can do to control words and appetite?
- 2. God is the only one who can satisfy us. Are there any areas in your life where you feel unsatisfied? If so, are you looking to God or man for satisfaction?
- 3. Proverbs 30:11–16 talks about a generation that is never satisfied. This is our generation—a generation of entitlement and a generation of many maladies. Pastor Robert asked the question, "Is it possible that some of our maladies have spiritual roots?" Take some time to think about the maladies in your life. Are there spiritual roots attached to them?
- 4. Satisfaction is guaranteed for those who make an investment. What are some ways you invest in God, yourself, and others?
- 5. When was the last time you took a moment to slow down and take in the world around you? Like in *The Andy Griffith Show*, how often do you just "sit on the front porch"?

Take Home

- God wants to satisfy you with good things.
- Nothing temporary can satisfy. Only the eternal (God) can satisfy.
- You will never be satisfied being a part-time Christian.

Pray

Father, thank You that You desire to give us good things. Lord, help us to look to You for satisfaction in our lives because You are the only one who can satisfy us.

Guard our mouths and teach us to control our words so that we may receive the full benefits You have designed for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Take an opportunity with your group to invest in other people. Schedule one of your meetings as an outreach to the community or another group.