

Message #15 | “With You I Am Well Pleased” | Luke 3:21-38

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WARMING UP

1. How important was it for you to please the people in authority over you (parents, teachers, coaches, etc.) in your younger years? How about now? Explain.

DIGGING IN

2. *What (who) pleases God? **Obedience: I do what God says to do** (3:21).*
 - According to 3:3, John’s baptism was one of “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” Why then did Jesus undergo this baptism? What was he doing?
 - Pastor Todd said, “Willing obedience to God will escape us apart from prayerful intimacy with God.” Do you agree or disagree? How so?
 - Generally speaking, do you find it easy or difficult to obey God? Why do you think this is the case? Is there a particular area of disobedience in your life that requires a change? How can you move to a place of greater obedience?
3. *What (who) pleases God? **Identity: I know who I am** (3:22).*
 - How did Jesus come to understand who he was? In what way(s) do we come to recognize our identity? How does knowing who you are please God and unleash his power?
 - What is your identity if you are a follower of Christ? Who are you? Why do you sometimes struggle with that truth?
4. *What (who) pleases God? **Security: I know I am loved** (3:22).*
 - How does knowing that you are a beloved son or daughter of the Father bring security? How does love overcome any circumstances of life?
5. *What (who) pleases God? **Affirmation: I hear his encouragement** (3:22).*
 - What does it look like to be successful in God’s eyes? How do you measure his approval? How would things change if you stopped striving to gain God’s favour and understood that you already have it?
6. *What (who) pleases God? **Purpose: I know why I am here** (3:23-38).*
 - What are the two primary takeaways of the genealogy in these verses?
 - What was Jesus’ purpose? What is your purpose? How are you doing at living out your purpose?

BREAKING OUT

7. Which of these five points (Obedience, Identity, Security, Affirmation, Purpose) is your biggest area of struggle? What can you do to lean into the truth that you heard on Sunday? How can your small group members help you with this?