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SMALL GROUP HOMEWORK: THE CHASE: WHAT ARE YOU SCOUTING FOR?

Sermon Series: The Trophy

Every home and every heart is aimed at something. We often spend our lives sacrificing, suffering, and shaping our schedules around a "prize" we believe will finally satisfy us. Yet, when the world's trophies are finally caught, they often leave us with emptiness or regret. This week, we examine the difference between chasing a "corruptible crown" and the incorruptible one offered by Christ.

Scripture Meditation

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

— 1 Corinthians 9:24–25

Discussion Questions

1. Identifying the Chase

- The sermon outline notes that every family is "scouting" for something. If an outsider looked at your family's calendar and priorities from the last month, what would they say you are currently pursuing?
- Read **Matthew 16:26**. Why is it possible to "gain the whole world" but still feel like you have a "hole" or "emptiness" inside after the prize is caught?

2. The Danger of the Wrong Trophy

- We are warned that chasing the world's game can lead to losing our souls or our families. What are some "corruptible



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crowns" (temporary prizes) that modern culture pressures us to prioritize over our walk with God?

- **Proverbs 14:12** says there is a way that "*seemeth right*" but ends in death. Why is the "*wrong trophy*" so deceptive until the moment we actually catch it?

3. Focused and Disciplined Pursuit

- According to **1 Corinthians 9:26–27**, the "*right chase*" requires purpose and bringing the body into subjection. What is one area of your life where you feel "*spiritually undisciplined*" right now?
- Read **Philippians 3:13–14**. How do we practically "*forget those things which are behind*" so we can press toward the high calling of God?

4. Choosing the Eternal

- **Joshua 24:15** is a commitment to serve the Lord. What is one practical, "*lawful*" change your household can make this week to ensure you are seeking the Kingdom first?

Prayer Focus

- Ask God to reveal any "*broken cisterns*" in your life—things you are chasing that cannot hold water or provide true joy.
- Pray for the "*spiritual toughness*" to endure hardness as a good soldier of Christ.
- Commit your home to the Lord, asking Him to be the builder of your house so that your labor is not in vain.