SERMON OUTLINE How Can I Be Happy?

Ecclesiastes 6:1-2

I. Joy is an ______ as a result of our security in God

Psalm 4:7

You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

Psalm 16:11

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

II. Happiness is a _____ of _____

III. What leads to sadness?

A. ______ things above God, also known as ______

Mark 10:22

But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

B. Having a ______ of who ______ is

Luke 24:17

And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. CEB

IV. When you pursue what the world says will make you happy, you will not find it. Happiness is found when we ______.

Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ESV

Psalm 40:8 My God, I am happy to do whatever you want. I never stop thinking about your teachings. ERV

Acts 2:28 You have shown me the paths of life; your presence will fill me with happiness. CEB $% \left(\mathcal{L}_{1}^{2}\right) =0$

Next Steps:

1. Confess and repent of any idols that you have allowed to steal your happiness.

- 2. Determine to walk with God and live in His Wisdom.
- 3. Celebrate the happiness that comes from a life with the Lord Jesus Christ.