Missing It

Session Two: Missing The Adventure

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"Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: "Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" - Luke 18:22

"Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked, "Rabbi, am I the one?" - Matthew 26:25

To the ones who "missed it".....
Jesus was merely a _____ whose ideas should be _____
When in reality He was a _____ whose will is to be _____.

We are _____ supernaturally,
And we are _____ supernaturally.

- Philippians 1:6 - *"...God, who **began** the good work within you, will continue **His work until it is finally finished**..."*
- Hebrews 12:2 - *"...Jesus, the **champion** who **initiates** and **perfects** our faith."*
- Acts 4:12 - *"There is salvation in **no one else!**"*

"There is still one thing you haven't done. Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven. Then, come follow me." - Luke 18:22

"...let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up." - Hebrews 12:1

"Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of Heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of Heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life and your real life is hidden with Christ in God." - Colossians 3:1-3

"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip." - Matthew 25:14-15

God decides _____ is given, I decide what to _____.

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The first two receive their gifts….and then they got to work! They realized that what they had been given…they had been given for a reason. Do you ever pause to consider that? That nothing in your life is a mistake? The town you live in….the friends you have….the place you work…..the abilities you have…..all divinely distributed BY God and FOR His glory. **The only real question is….what will you do….with what He gave you?**

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"Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back." - Matthew 25:24-25

"But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'

"Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." - Matthew 25:26-30

Anything we've been _____, we've been given for a _____. And God's purposes always come with an expectation. Not an expectation of *performance*, but rather an expectation of *obedience*. To Him are the 'outcomes', to us is 'obedience'.

"Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful." - 1 Corinthians 1:27

Reflection:

1. Where are you most tempted to "miss it" and fall into a life of earning God's love, forgiveness or provision? What would it look like to trust Him more fully in this area?
2. Where are you clinging to things of this world, in a way that is keeping you from fully following Jesus? From experiencing the adventure of complete trust?
3. Where in your life is Christ inviting you to take a small step of obedience? What do you believe would be the result if you did?