

HILLSIDE STUDENTS

BIGGER PICTURE | Psalms 37:4

REMINDERS: Take *ATTENDANCE!* Use the app & let us know who to add/remove!

LEADER TOOLS

GAME: 🎲🤪 *PLAY Penny Chinny!* In this game, each player begins by placing a penny on their chin. After each player has their penny balanced, the game begins. Once the game begins, players can no longer touch the penny on their chin with their hands. The goal of the game is to be the last player standing with a penny on their chin. You can't touch any other players, but you can try to make them laugh, scare them, walk close to them, or do anything else you can think of to force them to drop their penny.

TOPIC OVERVIEW: Psalm 37:4 sounds like a blank check: delight in God, and he'll give you whatever your heart wants. But read that way, it turns God into a vending machine. Put in enough spiritual coins, and out comes whatever you desire. We search for happiness in the gifts instead of the Giver, in creation instead of the Creator. That's backwards. Jesus showed us what it looks like to have desires aligned with the Father. In the Garden, he prayed, "Not my will, but yours be done." When we delight in God above everything else, our hearts begin to want what his heart wants. And those desire's he is eager to give!

DISCUSSION

ICE-BREAKERS:

- What is the best form of chicken (nuggets, dino, strips, the game, etc)?
- What's something you love that other people don't like at all? (hot take)

MESSAGE DEBRIEF & BIBLE STUDY:

- What stood out from the discussion?
- Read Psalm 37:4. If someone were to ask you what "delighting in the Lord" meant, what would you tell them?
- What does this verse tell you about God? What does it tell you about us?
- How does seeing the "Bigger Picture" around Psalm 37:4 help you understand this passage?
- Read Philippians 3:8. Why is knowing Jesus valuable?
- Have you experienced God changing the things you desire over time?
- Do you see that happening in your life now? How so?
- Read Matthew 6:33. What does it look like to seek God first?
- What are some ways you want to practice seeking God first this week?.

READING PLAN

Join us as we read the New Testament in 6 months!

