



***Counterfeit* — Week 3: “Counterfeit Success”**

CONNECT: What was your dream job or profession growing up?

GROW:

1. If you were to write your own definition of the word *success*, what would it be? Take a few moments to write it out and share it with your group.
2. What are some ways our culture typically defines success? How does our world’s view of being successful differ from God’s view?
3. **Read Ecclesiastes 1:1-11.** Solomon opens by stating his conclusion that everything under the sun is “utterly meaningless.”
 - a. Considering Solomon had unlimited access to knowledge, wealth, food, resources, and women—how does reading this passage change your perspective on worldly “success”?
 - b. What is something you have found yourself chasing after in life? What was the ultimate outcome? Did it satisfy you in the way that you thought it would?
4. Scott mentioned how as followers of Jesus, our **ONLY** measure of success is how faithful we are to him in every area of our lives: our marriages, relationships, careers, wealth, etc. Take a few moments to discuss what following Jesus could look like in each of these areas.
5. **Read Ephesians 1:21-23** - Christ is seated far above ALL rule and authority, and God has placed ALL things under his feet and has appointed him over everything. Knowing that Jesus is ultimately above all things, how can this truth change our heart posture towards our worldly pleasures?

PRAY: Pray for God to help you chase after what is eternal this week, and to help you avoid pursuing anything temporary.

NEXT: Are there any worldly pleasures that have become an ultimate thing in your life? Consider temporarily or permanently removing those distractions so you can focus on being faithful to Him.