



STUDY GUIDE      May 21, 2023

**Message Series:** SWAG  
**Message Title:** Let's Come Alive  
**Teaching Pastor:** Brian Hughes

**Warm-up/Icebreaker:** (10 min).

What is your favorite song currently playing right now?

**Pray:**

Lord, in this ever changing world, we are so grateful that You do not change and that You are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Thank You that You are constant, consistent, and reliable and that You are perfect in all Your ways. We ask that You help us to quiet our hearts and to listen for Your truth today, the unchanging truth of Your Word. Thank You that You love us and desire to speak to us in a way that we can understand. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Get Started:** (20 min.)

*"The real truth is that there is more to life than the way we often live it. In fact, God wants to give us real life. Full life. Life like few find but which all could, if they were willing to receive the gift and really lean into it."* - Pastor Brian Hughes

- Do you ever feel like there's more to life than what you're currently living? Describe a time when you've had this revelation.

**Read Ephesians 2:1-10.**

*"It occurs to me that if we, as a culture, don't like the word sin. We like the word obedience even less. Because we don't like being told what to do. But here's the truth: children of God do what God says. Not because he's an authoritarian dictator. But because he's a loving parent. Even better, He's the parent who actually knows everything and actually wants the best for His kids. Obedience to God, then, leads to life. The best life possible."* - Pastor Brian Hughes

- How do you feel about the word sin? How about the word obedience?
- Do you believe God is a loving parent Who knows everything and actually wants the best for you? Do your actions and choices line up with your belief?

**Watch and Discuss Video** (running time 10 minutes/20 minute discussion)

In the follow-up video, Pastor Brian talked about three kinds of life: 1) Biological life, which is temporary, 2) Spiritual life, which is not temporary and 3) Eternal life through Jesus Christ. He said we should be asking ourselves, "Am I fully living the life God wants me to have?"

- How would you answer that question? How can you make this question a part of your regular reflections? Why would that be beneficial?

**Read John 10:10, John 3:16, 1 John 5:11 and Revelation 3:5.**

- What is one key observation from these verses? How might this apply to your life?

**Reflect and Commit:** (20 min.)

*“You see, God sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to do what only God could do - not with a tunnel or rocket but with a more direct approach. Jesus busted through that wall. He did it with the movement of a single stone, but that’s all that was needed for the breach to be complete. And through the passageway he made, we can now move from death to life. ... You can have the fullest life possible. But it comes by 1) accepting the adoption, 2) imitating your parent, 3) seeking to please God.” - Pastor Brian Hughes*

**Read John 14:15, John 14:23 and Luke 6:46.**

- Is there anything in your life that you feel like God is asking you to do that you are not doing?

**Gather prayer requests and pray.** (5-10 min.)

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, we praise You and thank You that you are the Author and Perfecter of life. You created us. You know exactly how we are wired, and You know what is best for us. Lord, we confess that we don’t always do things Your way - we ask Your forgiveness and we ask You to help us obey You in all areas of our life so we can have the abundant life You have called us to. Thank You that we can trust you because You are a good, good Father. It’s in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.