

# ★ THE ★ Value of FUN

When was the last time you had some good, old fashioned fun? The kind of fun where you can feel your belly aching from all the laughter, where your cheeks hurt from smiling and you can still feel the buzz of it all a few hours later? That kind of fun is something we all want. Did you know that it's something God wants for you too?

## THINKING POINTS

1. What did you do for fun as a kid? When we are younger, fun is a huge priority in our life. Somewhere along the way, we allow it to lose its significance and it is no longer such a priority.
2. What does a life without fun look like?
3. Think about the core values you have in your own life. Is fun on the list?
4. Read John 10:10. God wants to give you 'everything in abundance,' He wants a life full of fun for **you!**
5. What are some of the differences between the kind of fun the world wants us to have, and the fun that God wants us to have?

A thief has only one thing in mind – he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect – life in its fullness until you overflow!

JOHN 10:10

**The kind of fun that God wants us to have** is characterized by three main things; He created fun to be like this for us:

**Fun is Spiritual** ★ Fun makes hard times easier. Somewhere along the way, laughter always finds its way in, the heaviness of life lifts, and the goodness of God shines through.

**Fun is Relational** ★ Fun brings people together; it is meant to be shared. Fun and relationships go hand-in hand. They are always better together.

**Fun is Attractional** ★ People often think the church is boring, when actually the opposite is true. God has given us every opportunity to sing, dance and have fun! When we are living in celebration of Him, we draw people in.

## NEXT STEPS

What is the point of fun? What does Jesus say is the purpose, in Matthew 5:13-16?

1. In Urzalia's presentation, she highlighted the word *intentionality*. What does that mean?
2. What can you do this week to intentionally share fun with someone?
3. What can you do this week to intentionally add fun into your own life?

"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavours of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:13 - 16

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One final word, friends. We ask you – urge is more like it – that you keep on doing what we told you to do to please God, not in a dogged religious plod, but in a living, spirited dance.

**Thessalonians 4:1**