



**MOVING FORWARD:
What Does That Look Like For You?**
February 7, 2016 – Pastor John Garner
SERMON-BASED STUDY GUIDE

Connect

1. When you think of the phrase “full life / abundant life” what comes to mind?
2. Reflect upon *John 10:10*...the whole verse that speaks of Satan's intent and Jesus offer. What stands out to you?

Engage

1. *Colossians 3:1-4*: We need to understand who we are and whose we are. Why? What makes it tough for you to enjoy being a child of God?
2. Why is it important to keep in mind the return of Jesus? See also: *2 Peter 3:8-13*
3. In *Colossians 3:5-11* Paul teaches about sexual purity, emotional and relational maturity. Why is it challenging at times to live out Christ's call to purity and maturity in our culture?
4. In the message, Pastor John spoke about 3 responses to addressing challenging cultural issues. What response do you tend to default to?

Response # 1: Compromise: 'watering down' God's teaching to make it easier or more comfortable to teach/share.

Response # 2: Condemnation: throwing a rock of judgement at someone: see *John 8:1-11*

Response # 3: Conversation: engaging in respectful conversation, listening to a person's story and talking about God's grace and truth conversationally and instructively. See *John 4:16-29*

5. If we are followers of Jesus, there is no place for compromise or condemnation. What can help you be more of a 'constructive conversationalist'?

Apply

1. What is your big 'take away' as you move forward?

Highly recommended reading: No Perfect People Allowed by John Burke, especially Chapters 12 and 8.