Introduction

Galatians 5:22-23; John 10:10

I. The Roadblocks to a Life Beyond Amazing

A. A Misunderstanding of Salvation - Romans 13:11-14

B. A Misapplication of “Works” - Ephesians 2:8-10; 2:10; Titus 3:5, 8

C. A Mistaken Idea of Spirituality - 1 Corinthians 15:10

II. The Roadmap to a Life Beyond Amazing

A. One Imperative - Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Peter 1:3-4, 5-7; 1 Timothy 4:7

B. Many Illustrations - Romans 8:13; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:5, 1:29; 1 Timothy 6:12; Luke 13:24; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Philippians 3:12-14; 2 Peter 1:5;

Conclusion
Small Group Questions

Getting Started
1. What is the best destination-vacation you have ever been on? Where did you go? What did you do? Who went with you? What made this the best vacation for you?

2. What is it about a great vacation that makes us think, “If only life could be this way?” What are the differences between a two-week trip to a fun destination, and the normal, day-in and day-out routines of life?

Digging Deeper
1. Pastor Jeremiah said, “God’s intention for his children is that they live a life full of meaning.” What does it mean to live a meaningful life? What are some clues that we are living this way? Why might an observer conclude that we are living lives that are truly meaningful?

2. Read John 10:10. Living abundant lives is not the natural way of things in a fallen world. What are some roadblocks, that you’ve experienced, to living an abundant, rich, rewarding life?
3. Despite these roadblocks, Jesus promised that He came to bring us lives that are better than we could possibly imagine. What does that life look like? Read the following scriptures and discuss the abundant-life clues that God has given us in His word.

2 Samuel 22:37; Psalm 18:36; 118:5-6

Psalm 92:12

Proverbs 4:18

2 Corinthians 6:11

Ephesians 3:16-19

4. We heard, “The New Testament calls upon us to take action” in order to grow in our faith. Read Philippians 2:12-13 and I Corinthians 15:10. What does a Christian who is taking action and laboring look like? What is the difference between a busy Christian and a growing one?
5. So, how might a Christian “work” so that they will grow in Christ? Here are a few illustrations of how to do it. Which one might look like a great “next step” of faith for your spiritual growth?

Romans 8:13  

Colossians 3:5  

II Peter 1:5-7

Bringing it Home

1. This is just the beginning of the series, but there are immediate actions we can take to begin growing in new ways. Of the following qualities of character, which one do you need to prayerfully install – or re-install – into your life?
   - Character is what you do when you think nobody is watching.
   - Character is how you treat people who can do absolutely nothing to help you.
   - Character is how you behave during the petty aggravations of everyday life.
   - Character is how you react when the pressure is on.
   - Character is deciding beforehand that you are going to do the right thing.

2. The most important aspect of experiencing a life beyond amazing is to rely on the Spirit while you work. How will your life change for the better if you work as hard as you can, while at the same time relying on the Holy Spirit to change you in the process? In what way will you do this in your life today?