**Sermon Discussion Guide**

**Sermon Preached On:** June 17, 2012

**Reminder for CareGroups:**

**The July Stretch:** please remind your groups that we will be enjoying some focused, corporate teaching during the month of July. Each group should have a Summer plan to for meeting together.

Read Psalm 15 as a group

 1 O Lord, who may abide in Your tent?

 Who may dwell on Your holy hill?

 2 He who walks with integrity,

 and works righteousness,

 And speaks truth in his heart.

 3 He does not slander with his tongue,

 Nor does evil to his neighbor,

 Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

 4 In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,

 But who honors those who fear the Lord;

 He swears to his own hurt and does not change;

 5 He does not put out his money at interest,

 Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

 He who does these things will never be shaken.

1. Go over the marks of a man (or women) who brings pleasure to God. For each point, go over the verse again and as a group clearly define what this person looks like:

 1. A man becomes pleasing to God when he pursues personal holiness [v.2]

 2. A man becomes pleasing to God when he develops sincere friendships [v.3]

 3. A man becomes pleasing to God when he maintains consistency [v.4]

 4. A man becomes pleasing to God when he gives graciously [v.5]

2. Go over this list again and describe how Jesus Christ fulfills each mark.

3. How does our pursuit of these characteristics change when we understand that Christ fulfills them on our behalf?