Living Your Best Life Class Outline February 25-March 17 Fireside Room 9:30 AM Pastor Dave and Dr. Andrew Wingerson

Sunday, February 25

Introduction to the class The Purpose and Goals for this Class What does your best life look like? Looking at Seven common myths about changing our lives. Steps to take to begin to change your life:

Sunday, March 3

Digging deeper: How do you begin to make positive changes to your life? An introduction to Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT). Taking small steps to begin the change process. Giving yourself grace and space to make change happen.

Sunday, March 10

Getting in touch with your feelings What are your feelings telling you? Validating your negative feelings The difference between guilt and shame Dealing with Trama (EMDR treatment and trauma focused CBT)

Sunday, March 17

How to put into practice the change we wish to see in our lives Avoiding destructive barriers to change Abusive behavior and its destructive qualities Substance abuse disorders and treatment options Beginning to live your best life now! Living Your Best Life: Myth Busters Pastor Dave and Dr. Andrew Wingerson February 25, 2024 Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room Class Notes

Introduction to the class

The Purpose and Goals for this Class

Devotional: John 5:1-9

What does your best life look like?

Looking at seven common myths to change

Myth #1: My best days are _____ me.

Myth #2: I am unable to make _____ changes to my life.

Myth #3: People who receive psychiatric care are ______.

Myth #4: Only ______ people take medication for mental health issues.

Myth #5: It's impossible to teach an old ______ new _____.

Myth #6: ______ will make everything better.

Myth #7: ______ and _____ use will make all my problems go away.

Mental health statistics:

- 1. _____% of people experience a mental health condition in a given year.
- 2. 1 in _____ young people experience a major depressive episode.
- 3. _____ continues to climb as a leading cause of death in the United States.

Steps to take to begin to make a change in your life:

- 1. Maintaining a ______ or _____ system contributes positively to mental well-being.
- Change usually begins with an "_____ Moment!"
- 3. Pinpoint ______ thing you would like to change.
- 4. _____ it down on paper.
- 5. ______ someone about it, even if it is uncomfortable or embarrassing.
- 6. Set out over the next ______ to make this change happen.
- 7. Ask ______ to help, and help, and help!
- 8. Give yourself some ______.

Questions and comments

Closing Prayer