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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this.

C.S.Lewis | Mere Christianity

[2 John 8 (NKJV)]

Look to your selves, that we do not lose those things we work for, but that we may receive a full reward.

[2 Corinthians 5:8 (NKJV)]

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

[2 Corinthians 5:9 (NKJV)]

Therefore we make it our aim (goal), whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

[2 Corinthians 5:10 (NKJV)]

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

'Judgment' (krima): A decision resulting from an investigation.

[1 Corinthians 4:5 (NKJV)]

So don't make judgments about anyone ahead of time - before the Lord returns. For he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due.

[Hebrews 6:1-2 (NKJV)]

Not laying again the foundation of... eternal judgments (decisions).

What we do with the cross determines **where** we will spend eternity.
The way we live as believers determines **how** we will spend eternity.

[James 4:14 (NKJV)]

What is your life? It is even vapor.

What we do in this zero time determines how we spend eternity!

[Ephesians 4:12 (NLT)]

Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

[1 Corinthians 3:13 (NLT)]

On the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.

[1 Corinthians 3:14 (NLT)]

If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward.

[1 Corinthians 3:15 (NLT)]

But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

[1 Corinthians 9:24 (AMP)]

So run your race that you may lay hold of the prize and make it yours.

[Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)]

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared before hand that we should walk in them.

[Psalm 139:16 (NLT)]

You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

[Ecclesiastes 3:15 (NKJV)]

That which is has already been, and what is to be has already been; and God requires an account of what is past.

You'll not be judged according to what you did, but rather according to what you were called to do!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you ever received a "participation" reward? Have you ever received a reward for doing something above and beyond? Which reward gave you the most satisfaction?**
- 2. You will never "perform" your way into God's love neither can you do something that will cause Him to stop loving you, however You are in charge of whether or not He is pleased with you. What pleases God's heart? What have you done or what could you do this week that God would be pleased with?**
- 3. When you think about spending eternity in heaven with God, what do you imagine you will be doing?**
- 4. What are the things we build that would be considered "wood hay and straw"? What would be considered gold, silver and costly stones?**
- 5. What are you "called" to do? How is what you are doing compare to what you are "called" to do?**
- 6. Spend some time praying for each other that God would make clear the call of God on your lives.**