



Join us in being on mission with God!

OUR VISION

To continually mature and grow as a united body of Jesus-imitators who live out God's greatest commandment to "Love" by exalting God and serving one another, and His greatest commission to "Go" by reaching into and shaping our local, regional, and global communities.

Core Values

Truth
Love
Community



"Living for Eternity"

John 5:16-30; Luke 16:19-31; Acts 17:30-31

Getting Started

After an introductory time, discuss the following questions in your group or class.

- 1. What do you think Heaven will be like? What type of activities will occur? How will relationships be lived out? What will the weather be like?

Thinking about the life after this one

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

- 2. Why is this article a fitting conclusion to the Statement of Faith (adopted June 2008)? What makes a response appropriate? Please note that this is something "God commands."

- 3. What is the response called for? To whom does this apply? Who is excluded or exempt from responding to the gospel?

Matthew 16:18
*And I tell you
that you are
Peter, and on
this rock I will
build my church,
and the gates of
Hades will not
overcome it.*

4. Who is judged? What is the difference between God's judgment of the believer and the unbeliever? Romans 2:5-7; Romans 14:10, 12; Romans 2:6-11

5. Have you thought before that there will be a final judgment for believers? How does that awareness of the fact we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ affect your life today? What do you think it will feel like to have all your words and deeds made public on that last day? Contemplate 1 John 4:16-18

5. Have you previously thought very much about laying up treasures in heaven, or about earning greater heavenly reward? If you really believe this doctrine, what kind of effect do you think it should have on your life? Matthew 6:19-24

6. Think of some of your Christian friends in your church. How do you think you will feel when you watch them stand before Christ at the final judgment? How will they feel about you at that time? Does the contemplation of this future judgment affect the way you think of your fellowship with each other as brothers or sisters in Christ today?

*Romans 5:6
You see, at just
the right time,
when we were still
powerless, Christ
died for the
ungodly.*



7. Are you glad there will be a final judgment of both believers and unbelievers? Does it make you feel a sense of God's justice, or do you sense some unfairness and injustice in the whole idea?

8. Is there anyone who has wronged you in the past, and whom you have had difficulty forgiving? How does the doctrine of final judgment help you to be more able to forgive that person?

9. In your Christian life to this point, have you spent much time thinking about life in the new heavens and new earth? Do you think there is a very strong longing for this in your heart? If it has not been strong, why do you think this has been the case?

10. Sometimes people have thought that they would be bored in the life to come. Do you feel that way yourself? What is a good answer to the objection that the eternal state will be boring?



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11. Can you describe at all what you think you will feel like when you finally stand in the presence of God and see him face-to-face?
