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Evading Death! Matthew 6:19-21

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT DEATH

- We were designed for life, not death.
Genesis 3:17-24, Romans 5:12, Romans 6:23
- Suffering and pain are a reality of a fallen world.
Matthew 6:19-21, Colossians 3:1, Hebrews 9:27, John 11:32-36
- The tighter we hold on to life,
the harder it will be to let go.
Matthew 6:19-21, Colossians 3:1, 1 John 2:15-17, Luke 12:13-26,
Matthew 16:26
- The believer sees death as
finishing the race, not the end.
James 4:13-17, Psalm 39:5, 1 Peter 1:23-25, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

WHAT ABOUT HEAVEN?

John 14:1-6, Luke 19:17-19, Matthew 5:12, 25:21-23, Genesis 1:28,
2 Timothy 2:12, Luke 22:28-30, 1 Corinthians 6:2-3, Revelation 22:5,
Matthew 13:43, Romans 8:16-17, Isaiah 9:7, Daniel 7:15-28,
Revelation 2:26, 3:21, 5:9-10, 7:13-15, 20:4-6

- The reward for faithful service is not eternal rest,
but more service.

JUST BE THERE!

John 14:1-6, 1 John 5:12, Romans 10:9-13

- Two questions we all have to ask:
 - ▶ Can I trust God with my life?
 - ▶ What step of faith do I place my eternity on?

Growth Group Homework

For the week of March 3, 2019

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching *Evading Death*, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Remember the miraculous survival of the 155 people aboard the US Airways flight that crashed into the Hudson River? (The movie *Sully*). It undoubtedly caused many of the survivors to do some serious re-evaluating of their priorities in life. What kinds of things do you think those survivors reflected on as a result of their near-death experience?

2. We all hope people will say nice things about us when we die. Can you think of a couple statements you hope would be shared by people at your memorial service?

3. When you think about death, which of the following best reflects your attitude or experience with it? (check as many as apply to you):

- I think often about death because _____
- I hardly think of death at all
- When I think of dying it scares me
- Death is something I've had to deal with a lot in my life
- I find it hard to know what to say to someone who is grieving
- I avoid the topic as much as possible
- I've never experienced grief because no one close to me has died
- I've had a hard time getting over the death of someone close to me
- I've learned a lot through my own grieving
- I take great comfort in the truths of the Bible about life after death
- Other _____

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Grief is a normal response to the death of a loved one. But the Apostle Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 that Christian grief should look very different from worldly grief. After reading the passage, answer the following questions:

What makes Christian grief different?

What truths from the passage give you hope about life after death?

Can you think of some things people could say to someone who is grieving that most likely wouldn't be helpful or comforting to them?

How about things that would be helpful or comforting to share?

2. The biblical reality that life is short and we all eventually die is meant to encourage us to regularly reflect on how we live. How do you see this reality reflected in the following verses?

Psalm 90:10-12

James 4:13-17

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

1 Corinthians 15:58

3. Pastor Tom talked this weekend about us storing up treasures in heaven, not on earth. In Luke 12:13-21 is the story of a man who did just the opposite. Can you think of one or two decisions this man could have made that would have demonstrated a desire to store up treasures in heaven?

What could someone find motivating or challenging about storing up treasures in heaven?

TAKING IT HOME

1. As you look at your own life, is there anything that distracts you from living in the reality that life is short and we all eventually die?

2. Looking back at the answers you put on My Story Question #2, is there anything you need to change or start doing that could potentially increase the odds that people will share those things about you?