

Practical Application

_____ Is _____ For Everyone
But It's Also True That
Every Person Is An _____
Who Will

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

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- Memorize Mark 12:17
- Ask God to show me any area in my life in which I'm not following the instructions of Mark 12:17
- Get the most out of this weekend's message by attending my Life Group this week



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A Question About Taxes

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Mark 12:13-17

Matthew 22:15-22

Luke 20:20-26

Enemies _____ to _____ Jesus

1. The _____ They _____

2. Jesus' _____

3. Their _____

A Question About The Resurrection

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Luke 20:27-40

Who Were The Sadducees?

The Question They Asked?

What Was Behind Their Question?

What Was Wrong With Their Reasoning?

They Didn't Know The _____

They Didn't Know The _____ Of _____

They Assumed _____ Would Be Just Like _____

Memory Verse

“Jesus said, ‘give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,
and give to God what belongs to God.’”

Mark 12:17

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Physical Death Is Certain For Everyone

But It's Also True That

Every Person Is An Eternal Being

Who Will

Live On Somewhere

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Enemies Join Forces to Trap Jesus

1. The Question They Asked
2. Jesus' Response
3. Their Reaction

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They Didn't Know The Power Of God

They Assumed Heaven Would Be Just Like Earth

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Discussion Questions - Week #1

LIFEGROUPS

Welcome to the Spring Quarter of Life Groups!

This week we kick off our Spring Life Group Quarter. Your first meeting will include extended time for you to get to know the others in your group as well as time to discuss the Life Group Covenant. To prepare for your first meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below. Please don't feel like you need to answer all the questions!!! Have a great first meeting!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

One of the great parts of being in a Life Group is getting to know others better. Take a moment to jot down your answers to the following questions and be ready to share with your group.

☞ Tell us about yourself...

What's the tastiest food you can make (a good sandwich can count)?

If you could take a trip anywhere, where would you go?

What is something that always makes you smile?

☞ What images, ideas, or mental pictures did you have of the afterlife growing up and where did they come from?

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "Death & Taxes," was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 1 Peter 2:11-17. In verse 11, Peter identifies us as "strangers and exiles" (NIV). What do you think that means?

What might living as strangers and exiles look like practically in our day?

Peter bluntly tells Christians to submit to and respect every human authority. What is the motive behind the submissive lifestyle Peter recommends?

Do you think we could do enough good in our day to silence the ignorant talk of foolish people (v.14)?

How is it that we can live as free people and slaves to God at the same time (v.16)?

How could this passage challenge or encourage us when our political party of choice is not the one in control?

2. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:8-13. What stands out to you in this passage?

How does Christian grief differ from that of unbelievers?

In verse 18, Paul tells us to "encourage each other with these words (NIV)." What is encouraging to you in this passage?

How does this text challenge or confirm your beliefs about life after death?

How could our confidence in the coming resurrection impact the way we live now?

FOR PRACTICE

John 17:3 says, "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." Eternal life is thus defined as relational intimacy with our triune God. Prayer is one of the most significant means for cultivating such intimacy on this side of the resurrection. Take some time this week to reflect on your habit of prayer. Does it foster intimacy with God? If not, consider setting aside a few times this week, not for petitionary prayer or intercession, but merely to recognize Christ's presence and give Him room to speak.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for ERBC and the churches in the Eagle Rock area to embrace our calling to reach our community with the good news of the gospel. Pray for passionate witnesses, open doors to share, and receptive hearts and minds in those to whom we witness.