

The Rewarder

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Ice Breaker

If you could receive any award or recognition for something you've accomplished in your life, what would it be and why?

Key Verses

- Hebrews 11:1-2, 6, 24-26, 35-36; 6:10; 12:1-2
- Malachi 3:13-16
- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- Philippians 3:12-14
- Mark 4:18-20
- Revelation 3:11; 22:12
- 2 John 7-8

Questions

1. What does it mean that "God is a rewarder" and how does this truth impact the way we should live our Christian lives?
2. Looking at the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11, what motivated them to live such extraordinary lives for God? How can we apply this same motivation today?
3. The pastor mentioned that many Christians are never taught about eternal rewards. Why do you think this topic is often overlooked in churches today?
4. What are some "weights" (not necessarily sins) that might be holding you back from running your race for eternal rewards more effectively?
5. How does focusing on eternal rewards change your perspective on current difficulties, sacrifices, or suffering you might be experiencing?
6. The sermon used the illustration of identical twins - one who learns about eternal rewards and one who doesn't. What practical differences would you expect to see in their lives?

7. What does it mean to "reprioritize your resources, treasure, time, and talents" for eternal rewards? What might this look like practically in your life?
8. How can we guard against false teaching that diminishes the reality and importance of eternal rewards?
9. Why is it helpful to look to Jesus Christ who finished His "race" to rewards as you run the "race" God puts before you?

Life Application

This week, choose one specific area of your life (time, talents, or treasure) and make a concrete change to better align it with pursuing eternal rewards. This could be starting a daily prayer time, using your gifts to serve at Grace Church, being more generous with your resources, or sharing your faith with someone. Write down your commitment and ask someone in your group to hold you accountable.

Key Takeaways

1. You'll never live for Jesus Christ as much as you could until you believe that God is a rewarder
2. The heroes of faith in Hebrews 11 lived extraordinary lives because they believed God would reward them
3. Living for eternal rewards requires discipline, focus, and reprioritizing your resources for God's kingdom
4. Jesus Himself lived for eternal rewards, enduring the cross for the joy set before Him
5. We must guard against false teaching that diminishes the reality of Christ's coming rewards

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the incredible truth that You are coming again with rewards for all the work we have done for Your sake. Help us to truly believe that God is a rewarder and to live each day with eternity in mind. Give us the discipline and focus we need to run our race with endurance, laying aside every weight and sin that would hinder us. May we be like Christ and the heroes of faith who lived extraordinary lives because they believed in Your eternal rewards. We pray this in Your precious name, Amen.

