

Sermon Discussion Questions

Eternal Death – Matt Slocum
Sermon Text: Luke 16:19-31

AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min
- Thank everyone for coming. Open in prayer – 30 sec
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Icebreaker question – 10-20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min
- Prayer – 20-30 min

INTRODUCTION

This week we are continuing in our series, What Happens When We Die. So far, we have learned that there is a 1.0 version of life, which is the one we live. We get the upgraded 2.0 version and become fully alive when we are born again. But what about death and Hell? This week Pastor Matt explores these ideas in his sermon, Eternal Death.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week we were asked to choose a way to remind ourselves of the Spirit at least once a day. What are some ways you accomplished it last week? How did it turn out?
2. What is something new you took away from the message this week?
3. Take a minute and think about some of the different concepts that have been discussed through this series so far. What is Life 1.0? What about Life 2.0? How do Life 1.0 and 2.0 lead us into our discussion this week on Death 1.0 and Death 2.0? How do those ideas line up? (You might need to review Soul'd Out Parts 1 and 2).
4. What are some things we should take away from the parable of the rich man and Lazarus? (Read Luke 16:19-31)
5. If we build our life on something that will pass away, when we pass away there is nothing left of us. How does this statement impact how we are supposed to live our lives? The question before us is, "what are we building our life upon?". How do you answer this question?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is the name of the last book you read? What was it about? Would you recommend it?
2. Could you go for more than a week without using your cell phone for anything other than calls?
3. If you were a type of bird, which would you be? Why do you think so?

6. "All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. Those who knock it is opened." (*C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce*)

What do you think about this statement? Is Hell a choice people make?

APPLICATION

As we finished the message this week, Matt gave us a few thoughts: 1) Trust that God is just and good; 2) Recognize my responsibility is first and foremost to lay my heart before God every day; and, 3) Share the story of the grace of Jesus in my words and life. This week, pick at least one of these thoughts and act on it. How can you trust that God is just and good? How can you lay your heart before God every day? How can you share the story of God's grace in your life?

Pick at least one of these things and share with the group next week what you did and how it went.

PRAYER (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Pray that God will help us recognize the limits of our knowledge and that we don't know what is going on in other people's hearts. Pray that we will let our words and deeds focus on the story and mission of God's grace.

COMING UP

To join a small group, sign up at vckceast.com or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website (<https://vckceast.com>) or on the Facebook page.

Baptisms – 31 July, 9:00 and 11:00. Sign up online. <https://nwckc.com/baptism>

Skate Night – 7 August, 4:30-6:30, Liberty Northland Rolladium, \$3 per person.

Child Dedications – 11 September, 9:00 and 11:00. Sign up online. <https://nwckc.com/child-dedications>

Night of Worship – 16 September, 7:00-9:00pm. Oak Park High School.

FINAL THOUGHT

There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done. (*C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce*)