

Finding Jesus



BIG IDEA

“The only guarantee in life is Jesus Christ. And though our eyes may see what only appears to be vanity and meaninglessness, just the passing of vapor in the wind, we fix our eyes on Jesus Christ - the One who said death no longer has the final word, for he defeated death on our behalf on the cross. The full life, the life of joy and hope and peace and love and purpose and life you long for, is found in Jesus Christ and in him alone. This is what the teacher wants you to know - this is what I hope you’ll believe today. Jesus sees us in the pit of life and takes us by the hand, and lifts us out of the pit. Look to Jesus Christ and believe in him, for he is the only guarantee in this life and in the life to come.”

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. How were you impacted by the message this week?
2. What did we learn about the guarantee of life?
3. Why should trusting in God’s sovereignty bring us peace and joy in life?
4. Read Ecclesiastes 9:1-12, 10:8-9. How do control and conflict affect your life?
5. How does our Christian faith remove many of the tensions others struggle with in their lives?
6. What is the godless view of life? What do we often fill our lives with? How are we squandering what little time we have?
7. Why is there still hope for the living? Why must we be careful with what we think matters, especially in light of death?
8. How can remembering that God is the giver of all gifts help us enjoy them more?
9. Why is Jesus the only guarantee in life? What does he do for those who put their faith in him? Read Colossians 1:15-23; Romans 8:28.

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. How were you personally challenged this week?
2. What guarantees do you have in this life? What guarantees do you have with Jesus?
3. What passions or distractions are causing you to squander the little time you have?
4. What have you decided matters that really doesn't matter?
5. In what ways has Jesus given you hope and joy in this life and in the life to come?
6. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?
7. How can your group hold you accountable this week? How can they encourage you?

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Pray: Take time this week to pray for each Life Group member individually. At your next meeting, follow up with each other's prayer requests.

Read: Ecclesiastes 9:1-12, 10:8-9; Colossians 1:15-23; Romans 8:28. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit gatewayepc.org/news to read and review the sermon manuscript.

Write: Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

Sing: Visit gatewayepc.org/news and listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Ecclesiastes 9:1-12, 10:8-9; Colossians 1:15-23; Romans 8:28.)

Love: How can your group show the love of Christ to our community this summer?