

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Message: [Things To Come](#) - The Judgement Seat of Christ

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Connect (25min)

1. FALL CHECK IN

- 📖 Read [Romans 12:15-16](#).
- On a scale of 1-10 (poor to excellent) how are you this week in these areas of life and health?
:: Physical Health :: Mental Health :: Spiritual Health

2. TAKE 5

- In response to your sharing - take 5 minutes to give thanks to God and pray for one another.

Message Discussion (50min)

1. IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD:

- If you knew the world would end in one week, what's the very first thing you'd do—and why?
- How many apocalyptic movies can you think of as a group in a minute? And go...
- Why are *The End Times* such a popular topic? Why is it an important topic?

2. THOUGHTS ON THINGS TO COME:

- Did you attend our *Things To Come* conference? Share highlights or feedback from your experience. What did you learn? How were you encouraged, challenged or changed?
- Share your initial feedback on Sunday's message with Pastor Ray Duerksen. What did you learn? How were you encouraged, challenged or changed?

3. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST:

- A. "Believers will give an account in the end." 📖 Read [Hebrews 10:30-31](#), [Matthew 25:19](#), [2 Corinthians 5:10](#).
> What is your initial reaction to this reality?
- B. "Our works will determine our rewards."
 - Have you ever believed or wrestled with these *false statements* about our works?
> We are saved by *works* and rewarded by *works*.
> We are saved by *faith* and rewarded by *faith*.
 - Why is this essential correction essential? "We are saved by *faith* and rewarded by *works*!"
> We are saved by *Faith*, not works. 📖 Read [Ephesians 2:8-10](#).
> We are rewarded by *Works*, not faith. 📖 Read [Matthew 25:21](#), [1 Corinthians 3:12-15](#)
- C. Why should we care about rewards?
 - Have you ever thought - "I don't care about rewards, I just want to make it to Heaven"?
 - We will value Christ's *approval* at the judgment. 📖 Read [1 John 2:28](#)
 - We will value Christ's *rewards* at the judgment. 📖 Read [1 Corinthians 9:24-25](#), [2 Timothy 4:7-8](#).
 - We will value Christ's *promotion* at the judgment. 📖 Read [Matthew 24:45-47](#), [Luke 19:17](#).
 - This isn't about worldly competition and comparison with others, this is about honouring Christ with our calling, accomplishments, and crowns (responsibilities in His Kingdom).

"We should be all that we can be on earth so that we can be all that we could be in Heaven." - Erwin Lutzer.

D. What will our works be tested for? How should this encourage and challenge our lives now?

- **Our works will be tested for Quality.** 📖 Read [2 Timothy 2:5](#)
Rule 1: we must have right motives. 📖 [1 Corinthians 4:5](#)
Rule 2: we must practice right doctrine. 📖 [1 Timothy 4:1](#)
Rule 3: we must run *our* race. 📖 [Philippians 1:15-17](#)
We are running against ourselves, not against one another.
- **Our works will be measured for Quantity.**
> You must discipline yourself. 📖 [1 Corinthians 9:25](#)
> You must finish the race. 📖 [Acts 20:24](#), [2 Timothy 4:7-8](#)

E. What are some of the works that we will be rewarded for?

- **Share your thoughts on these examples:** Serving others (Matthew 10:42), Faithfulness to truth (2 John 7-8), Righteous Living (Proverbs 11:18), Prayer and fasting (Matthew 6:6; 17-18), Faithfully shepherding others (1 Peter 5:2-4), Loving and forgiving your enemies (Luke 6:35-36), Generosity and giving (Matthew 6:3-4), Helping the poor, sick and disabled (Proverbs 19:17; Luke 14:13-14), Hospitality that cannot be repaid (Luke 14:12-14), Joyfully trusting Jesus and enduring trials (1 Peter 1:6-8; James 1:12), Working diligently for your employers (Ephesians 6:5; Colossians 3:23-24), Witnessing and discipling people (1 Thessalonians 2:19; Philippians 4:1) Bearing insults; being excluded for Name of Christ (Luke 6:22-23), Leaving houses, family, or careers for Christ (Matthew 10:28-30), Exercising self-discipline (1 Corinthians 9:25).
- **What about those who are handicapped, suffering, or in prison in some way that restricts them?**
📖 Read [2 Corinthians 4:8-12](#); [James 1:12](#).
What are some practical ways that they can engage and serve?

Response & Prayer (15min)

RESPONSE

- **Jesus will return, and bring His reward with Him!** 📖 Read [Revelation 22:12-13](#).
⇒ How should this inspire our response to His grace and truth now?

PRAYER

*Break into groups of 3-4, or men & women, to enhance sharing and prayer participation.

- **Pray for One Another**
⇒ In response to our sharing and discussion, how can we pray for you this week?
Share & Pray for one another.
- **Pray for Others**
⇒ Who is one person in your life that we can pray for?
For *salvation, healing, reconciliation* ... Briefly share their needs & then Pray for them.

>> Share announcements and confirm your plans for your next Life Group meeting.

- [Missions Sunday](#) and [Prayer Summit](#). October 26.
- [Hearing God Workshop](#). Sunday Mornings, November 2-December 7.
- [Set Free Retreat](#). November 14-15.