

Discipleship Pathway 1

Session 1: Life after Death: Eternity

What happens to a person when they die? Is there life after death? These are questions that have occupied the minds of men and women, alike, since the dawn of time. The reason for mankind's curiosity stems from something that our Creator planted in each of our hearts:

“Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.-Ecclesiastes 3:11

God has planted _____ in every human heart.

What is eternity? _____

Regardless of our belief in God, or lack thereof, religious persuasion, or denominational preferences each of us has had a seed of curiosity planted within each of our hearts that stirs us to consider what happens after we have taken our last breath here on earth.

Take a few minutes to discuss what each participant believes happens after we die?

According to Jesus, in Matthew 25:46, every person who dies enters into eternity. However, not everyone reaches the same eternal destination.

Jesus teaches that there are _____ eternal destinations for mankind:

“And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”-Matthew 25:46

When a person dies they either enter into eternal _____, which is separation from God for all eternity, or they enter into eternal _____ with God.

If everyone is destined for eternity, the real question becomes not “Is there life after death?” but “Where will I be spending eternity?”

I. How can we be certain that we will spend eternity with God?

Let's read a few passages together:

1 John 5:11

What truth do we read in that passage: _____

John 17:3

What truth do we read in that passage: _____

John 6:40

What truth do we read in that passage: _____

II. What then is the fate of the those who reject Christ?

Let's review a few passages together:

Daniel 12:1-2

What truth do we read in that passage: Some will go into everlasting life and others to everlasting disgrace.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

What truth do we read in that passage: Those who reject God's Word and refuse Jesus Christ will be punished with eternal destruction.

John 5:25-29

What truth do we read in that passage: Those who reject Christ will rise to face eternal judgment.

This week's reading plan: Read: Genesis Ch. 1-10, Proverbs Ch. 1