



Timeless, Pt. 1: To Eternity and Beyond

By its very definition, eternity is timeless. And when we think about eternity, we think about Heaven. The popular misconceptions about what Heaven is like hinder our pursuit of a truly significant life. Why? Because we tend to prioritize the temporal things of this life over what has eternal value. At the end of the day, we're not convinced that eternity is going to be much different than the here and now. And yet, the opposite is true. When we understand what the Scriptures teach about Heaven, it not only gives us a greater and grander vision for eternity, it also gives us a greater and grander vision for the next seven days.

Bottom Line: My choices on earth today have a direct impact on my life in eternity.

Discussion Questions:

1. To what trends do you pay attention? What is the importance of those trends? In other words, why do you track them?
2. How much time do you think the average person spends thinking about what their eternal future will be like (not just if or where their eternity will be)? Why?
3. **Read Mark 16:15-16; John 3:14-18; and Romans 3:19-26.** How is a person saved from their sins? What do these passages reveal about eternal rewards, if anything?
4. **Read Ephesians 2:4-10.** What do you learn about salvation and "works" from this passage?
5. People often get salvation and eternal rewards confused. **Read Matthew 16:24-27, 19:21; Luke 6:22-23, and 14:14.** What did Jesus teach about a person's eternal rewards? What bearing do they have on a person's salvation? When are they given? How are they "earned"?
6. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:10 and Revelation 20:11-15.** What do you learn about eternal rewards (or punishment) from the Apostle Paul and the Apostle John?
7. Once you place your faith in Jesus, your eternal destination is secure (**1 Thessalonians 4:14-17**). How you live for Christ determines the kinds of rewards you will receive in the next life (**Revelation 22:12**). How do these two truths clarify things in your mind about the importance of your day-to-day life?
8. What was the most challenging idea/thought to you from the message?
9. What was the most helpful/encouraging thought or idea from the message this week? How did it help you?
10. How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.