



One Life To Live: Pt. 3; Lifetime Investment

We make decisions everyday on how we spend our time. These decisions can be indication of what we value - what we find important. When you look back on your life, at those decisions you've made, what results do you see? Do you see accomplishments in your career, financial gains, the big promotion, the house of your dreams, or the college degree you worked so hard to achieve? Since time is the one resource that we can never make more of, shouldn't we ensure that the time we spend in our one life be something that has a lasting impact - an eternal impact?

Bottom Line: The mission of the church is worthy of the investment of your one and only life.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you have any trophies you earned in the past? What kinds of things were they for? Where are they right now?
2. What are some things in your life that you currently value? What makes them valuable?
3. Looking back at the last 2000 years, the Church is the only cause, effort, or institution that is still standing (as Jesus said it would). Why do we as people have a tendency to support and build things that ultimately don't last? What keeps us from making an investment in something that Jesus says will never fail?
4. **Read Matthew 16:13-18.** Why do you think Jesus went through this exercise of asking the disciples this question? Why not just tell them who he is (Jesus should know after all!) Why is the answer to this question critical to the disciples and to us as well?
5. If Jesus were back on earth today, how do you think he would spend his time and energy? There are so many issues that he might focus on, why would Jesus focus on building the church and not just "fixing the world's problems"?
6. We invest in the Church, not because it is perfect, but because it is the hope of the world and because it will endure for all time. If we truly believe that Jesus rose from the dead, then the Mission of the Church is worthy of the investment of your life. What does that investment look like in your life?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?