

Crosswalk Communities Discussion Guides

May 8th

Icebreaker Questions (Pick at the least one question, but use as many as your group feels comfortable)

1. What is one thing that your mom taught you that sticks with you yet to this day?

Bible Study Questions

1. A legacy is anything that you leave behind after you die. What are some impressive legacies that you have seen some people leave behind?
2. When you die, how best do you want people to remember you?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. What kind of things do we leave behind that God views as being of lasting significance?
4. Read Hebrews 11. What do you notice about the legacies of the people listed here? What is remarkably absent from their legacies?
5. If you were to die today, what would God say about your spiritual life? How are you developing a walk with God that meets his approval?
6. Pastor Michael talked about the importance of stewarding our children. If you have children, how helping to spiritually shape them? If you don't have kids, how are you coming alongside of other parents in our church on that mission?
7. Read Revelation 3:5. What would it be like to have that experience of your life being acknowledged by God in heaven?

May 8th: 5 Minutes After You Die: What You Leave Behind

The last two weeks we have talked about where you go when you die. Today we are wrapping up the series by looking at what you leave behind.

I. Everyone leaves behind a legacy

A legacy is whatever is left behind when someone dies. For some, it is a legacy of inflicted pain. Others seek to leave behind some great accomplishment or a family that had been loved and cared for.

II. What God says about your life matters most

Our culture values accomplishments and stuff. We are told in 1 Corinthians 3:12, we told that in the end, our work will be shown for what it is and purified by fire. Much that our world values will be burned away. We want to make sure that when we give an accounting for our lives, that they reflect the things that God values.

III. God is looking for

- **A life that is devoted to him:** There are multiple times that we find kings listed in 1st and 2nd Kings who we are told had great military and political accomplishments. Yet what matters is God's declaration as to whether they followed him or not. In Hebrews 11, we have a list of people who are honored by God because of their faith. Your devotion to God is one of the most important things that God is looking for.
- **A life that stewards his resources well:** In Matthew 25, Jesus tells the story of land owner who goes away and entrusts his resources to three employees. Two steward the resources well and are rewarded. One doesn't and is punished. The point is that we need to steward what God has given us, such as money, time, and our families.

One key area that we are to steward is our kids. Sadly, many Christian families leave the spiritual training up to the church. God has given the job of discipling children to the parents. The church is meant to be a resource to aid parents in that job.

Conclusion

Revelation 3:5 says that to those who are victorious in this life, God will acknowledge them before the Father. What an incredible experience that would be. We make choices now that impact whether that happens or not. Let us be people who get this life right and who enjoy God's good declaration over the legacy that we leave behind.