



The Starting Line of Life

Week of October 25, 2015

Use these discussion for personal growth and development,
or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read Matthew 7:13-14

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Real love is applicable to all people. If we profess that we love Jesus then we reflect the love of Jesus to everyone through our characters and actions. Loving well is not a call to passive love that holds little value but a call that applies practical love to all people.

It is neither by our might nor our strength that we were set free from the shackles of sin and hell. It's because the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of this broken world. This is the most unmistakable pivot-point of man's history--for Jesus to accept our dirt to set us free. Experiencing this same saving grace is a decision towards eternal life. In denying sin and embracing love, life starts by following Jesus towards a changed life through confession and surrender at the cross.

Pray

Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive you as my Savior and Lord (leader). I commit to follow you—for life. Thank you for forgiving me. Thank you for giving me the free gift of eternal life! Take full control of my life and make the person you created me to be. Amen.

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Getting Started

- Do you use a navigation program to receive direction to the places you go? Share with us what impresses you the most when you finally hear that voice say, "You have arrived at your destination."
- Tell us what you know about 'Jesus being the way, the truth and light'.

Listening Deeply

1. What is the difference between the *narrow way* and the *broad way* according to Matthew 7:13-14? Why do only a few find the narrow way that leads to eternal life?
2. According to Luke 17:33, why does clinging to your life result in a loss, and how does letting your life go result in saving it?
3. Pastor Drew shared the Four Barriers to eternal life. What are they? What is/was your barrier? Explain why the barrier is/was real to you.
4. If wages is what we get (a reward) for a work/job done then, what is a gift? Explain why the reward for sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.
5. Why do you think no one can come to the Father except through Jesus? Read John 14:6 and explain why we all have to accept Jesus into our lives.
6. Pastor Drew gave an open altar invitation for us to overcome our shame, pride and guilt by stepping forward to embrace Jesus as our only hope to mankind's depravity. If you were one of those that experienced a new beginning on Sunday, share with your group one or two ways God has been working in your life through this new found hope in Jesus.

Living Wide in Jesus

We cannot run from the fact that "religion" is fiction, fallacy and a fantasy designed to check us into a deep-dive to hell. Think deeply and ask God to show you why David asked God to teach us to number our days in Psalm 90:12. Time is running and must be redeemed! Rebellion is what created this sin that has caused us to embrace brokenness but today is the day of repentance and acceptance. Don't put off salvation too long. Write about the day you came to know Jesus using the back of this page. If you don't know Jesus yet, use this page to write a prayer of commitment to learning more about Jesus.