



Discussion Guide

"Death Stinks!"

Week of 2/26/2012

The Point: No Matter Our Past, No Matter Our Present, We All Share the Same Future.

Ecclesiastes 2:12-16

Discussion Questions

- What are two things that stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be silly, serious, stupid, or spiritual)
- Do you think people generally think about death? Why or why not? How does James 4:13-14 tie into that?
- Do you remember the last funeral that you attended? Without being disrespectful, share some of the things that you saw or experienced.
- Share a time when you really thought hard about eternity. What caused you to think about it? Why?
- What about death scares you? Are you prepared to die? Why or why not?
- What kind of "endless genealogies" or other "foolish discussions" (Titus 3:9) do you get caught up in? How are these a "waste of time"? How does 1 Cor. 10:31 shed some light?
- According to 1 John 2:15-17 and Matthew 6:19-10, how are we to "store treasures in heaven"? What does this mean? What are the "treasures"?
- Where would you say you are investing more of your time/money in the present "red mark" or in eternity? Why do you think that is?
- Take some time to pray for your group in these areas.

Thinking Outside the Box

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/mc3DeathStinks> to watch the original video of the rope illustration that Sean stole from Francis Chan (it's much better ☺).

Discuss the problems with living for our own "red mark", instead of the rest of the rope.

Bible References

Ecclesiastes 2:12-16(NIV) ...the same fate overtakes them both...Like the fool, the wise man too must die!

Ecclesiastes 3:11b(NLT) ...[God] has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

James 4:13-14(NIV) ¹³ Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

Revelation 20:15(NIV) ¹⁵ If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

1 John 2:15-17(NLT) ¹⁵ Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.¹⁷ And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

Matthew 6:19-20(NLT) ¹⁹ "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal."²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.

Titus 3:9(NLT) ⁹ Do not get involved in foolish discussions about spiritual pedigrees or in quarrels and fights about obedience to Jewish laws. These things are useless and a waste of time.

1 Corinthians 10:31(NIV) ³¹ So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.