



RUINED!

When You're Ruined, Your Eyes Need to Be on Eternity

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so <u>please</u> <u>discuss</u> these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week (but <u>save your prayer requests for the END of Pr'me</u>)?
 [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)Readthis section to review the Point for everyone

- •This Week's Point: When You're Ruined, Your Eyes Need to Be on Eternity
- •This Week's Object Lesson: preparing for and anticipating a vacation
- •This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: Job 42:7-17 So the Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning . (v. 12a, NLT)

The Reflection (required) Discuss these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

- •What was your favorite vacation as a child or an adult?
- •**Read Job 42:7-17**. This is the epilogue of what happened to Job after he was *Ruined!*. Like a TV series finale, this ties up some loose ends: •What do we learn about the "rightness" of Job vs. his friends? (7-9) •How did Job's grieving process conclude? (10-11)
- •Finally, God graciously (not because Job "earned" it) restored Job's material wealth and family. Have two people look up Job 1:2-3 and Job 42:12-13. Starting with sheep in 42:12, then sheep in 1:3, have them take turns reading the number of "things" from both passages.
- •What is consistent with every number, except sons & daughters? Job understood that—unlike all of his crops, cattle, and money—his family would be doubled in eternity (thru their faith in God; Job1:5).
- •We're now going to spend some time reading the Bible on eternity. Read the passages below one at a time and discuss what each says about now/this world AND what each says about eternity/heaven:

 - •1 John 2:15-17 •Matthew 6:19-20
 - Philippians 3:18-21 •Ecclesiastes 3:11 •Romans 8:22-25 •John 3:16
- •Colossians 3:2 •John 16:33 •Hebrews 13:14
- Revelation 21:3-5 1 Peter 1:3-9 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- •Based on what we've just read, if we were writing an internet ad promoting eternity, what things should we include? Make a list.
- •Do you feel that it is easier to live for now or for eternity? Why?
- •What obstacles keep people focused on an earthly perspective?
- •Could we remove any of those obstacles? If so, how?
- •What do you need to do differently now so that you're living for eternity?

The Reinforcement (optional)

Use these questions for further discussion during your group, or at home

•Read all of Hebrews 11. As you are reminded of these Biblical heroes, notice their perspective on eternity (see v. 13-16 & 39-40).