



DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ

John 5:19-29
2 Corinthians 5:17

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. Did anything stand out to you about this week's sermon, or any of the sermons in the past few weeks since your small group last met? Has anything stuck out or been especially helpful to you?
2. Can you sum up the connection between Christ's death on the cross and Judgement Day? Does this connection cause you to read passages like Isaiah 53:4-6 any differently? How does this truth impact you personally?
3. Pastor Chris made the point that when we are born again, the spiritual life we receive *is* the first stages of eternal life itself. Do you understand this connection, and can you see how it's found in passages like John 5:24-25? What are the effects of understanding that eternal life is something we have *today*?
4. What would be different about your life if you still believed that God would only give you eternal life *if* you lived a fully righteous life? What *should* be different about your life, knowing that you've already received a righteous status (Philippians 3:9) and eternal life as a pure gift?
5. Being a part of the new creation does not remove sin, suffering and death from our lives, but it does change our relationship with each of them. Which of these three changed relationships have you experienced most dramatically?
6. Which of these three changed relationships do you want to experience more dramatically? What can you do about that?
7. What are you hoping to gain and grow in over these next months? How can you prepare yourself for that today?