

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES -

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Meanwhile, we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, 3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

6 Therefore, we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord. 7 For we live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Eph 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

2 Cor 5:16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Phil 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Others: 1 John 3:16, Phil 1:21-25, Heb 11, Luke 23:43

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. What has been your understanding of what happens to us after death? Take a moment and share around the group. What are some of the differences that come up?
2. After reading through 1 Cor 5:1-10 what help does Paul offer for clarification? What are the questions that it raises for you? Take a moment to write those down and share if you desire to.
3. When Paul references our current non permanent reality he calls it a tent, how should that help our perspective on our life here on earth?
4. Some Christians have been known to call themselves "Aliens" because they are not from here. Can you relate? If so how? and if not why does that not describe how you see yourself?
5. Paul calls us to a response in the later verses, confidence, live by faith not sight, A preference, and a desire to please Him. Which of these to find easy and which of these are harder for you and why? Do Verses 1-5 help?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS