

ENDINGS

3. Judgement

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read 2 Corinthians 5

⁹So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Just like last week, take it in turns to read through the whole of this incredible chapter. It's one of the most important chapters in the whole Bible and it will give you a bit more context for Sunday's message.

- **The Problem of Hell.** How has the subject of hell impacted you in the past? Is it something that has motivated you, worried you, confused you or just left you cold? What effect does it have on people outside the church?
- **The Nature of Humanity.** Have you ever assumed that the human spirit is everlasting in and of itself? How do verses like 1 Timothy 6.16 help challenge that assumption? And if humans aren't intrinsically immortal how does that affect our understanding of hell?
- **The Nature of Judgement.** Does the idea of judgement meaning punishment that is eternal in its consequence, rather than its duration make sense to you? Have you ever considered hell and judgement as the final destruction of a human life that stubbornly refuses to be reconciled to God? How do you feel about you yourself standing before the judgement seat of Christ?
- **The Nature of Jesus.** Is the idea of having Jesus as our judge comforting or not? And if Jesus loves us how can he judge us? Shouldn't he just forgive everyone regardless?
- In light of this Paul tried to persuade people (v11), compelled by the love of Christ (v14). How does the message of ultimate judgement – life and death – motivate us to reach out to those who haven't heard the message?
- How can we engage in the Ministry of Reconciliation (v19) as a Hub? What about as individuals?

Big Idea: 'One day everyone will be judged by Jesus with eternal consequence. Our job today is to let everyone know about God's offer of eternal life in Jesus.'

Break into twos and threes and pray for a greater compassion for those who have not been reconciled with Father God. Pray for those that are close to you, pray for them by name. Pray that we would be motivated by love, not fear or guilt, to be ministers of reconciliation on Christ's behalf.