



Your Timeline

January 8 & 11, 2026

Ice Breaker

If you could receive any award or recognition for something you've done in your life, what would it be and why?

Key Verses

- Matthew 16:27
- John 3:3
- John 3:16
- Matthew 6:6
- Hebrews 11:6
- Colossians 3:23-24
- Revelation 5:9-10

Questions

- How does understanding that this life is directly connected to the life to come change your perspective on daily decisions?
- How do you respond to the idea that Christians will receive different rewards in eternity?
- What are some ways you currently seek God through spiritual acts like prayer and fasting, and how might you grow in this area?
- How can viewing your work as service to Jesus rather than just your earthly employer transform your attitude and performance?
- What does it mean to 'lose your life' for Jesus' sake (see John 12:25-26), and what might that look like practically in your current situation?

- What are some specific ways you can serve others in need in Jesus' name, and why do even small acts matter eternally?
- How does knowing that suffering for Jesus' name results in great reward help you face challenges to your faith?
- What foundation are you currently laying for your forever life through your choices, generosity, and service to God's kingdom now?

Life Application

This week, take serious time to sit down and write out specific plans for your forever life. Identify what you need to start doing for Jesus and what needs to change in your current lifestyle. Choose one area from the seven mentioned (seeking, submitting, self-denial, serving, suffering, sacrificing, or sharing) and commit to a specific action you will take this week to build the foundation for your life to come.

Key Takeaways

- This life is our time of responsibility that directly determines our experience in eternity
- There are two keys connecting this life to eternity: belief (determines where we spend eternity) and behavior (determines how we experience eternity)
- Jesus will repay every person in proportion to their deeds when He returns
- Even small acts of faithfulness for Jesus will result in eternal rewards and honor
- We have one opportunity in this brief earthly life to build the foundation for the life to come

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for opening our eyes to the eternal significance of this life. Help us to live each day with the understanding that our choices now will affect our forever life with You. Give us the faith to believe in Your promises of reward and the courage to live sacrificially for Your kingdom. May we be faithful stewards of the time, talents, and treasures You have given us. Help us to seek You, serve others, and share generously, knowing that You are keeping track of every act done in Your name. Prepare our hearts for the day when we will stand before You and receive the rewards You have promised.

Until that day, may we live with purpose and eternal perspective. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.