



Static – Master
Sermon Discussion Questions – November 20, 2022

Scripture Passages:

Romans 14:10-12 ¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat. ¹¹It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,
‘every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

¹²So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Revelation 20:11-12 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

Matthew 7:21-23 Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

2 Corinthians 5:10 ¹⁰For 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.

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Matthew 20:26-28 Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 12:34 ...For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT) We are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Warm Up:

The theme of this week's message is gratitude. What are 1 or 2 things that you are grateful for?

Discussion:

- 1.** Pastor Scott started out his message talking about eternity.
What are a couple of your initial responses when you think about eternity? What types of emotions or thoughts do you have when you hear the word "eternity?"
- 2.** Read Romans 14:10-12 and Revelation 20:11-12.
What can we learn about eternity from these verses? How might knowing these truths about eternity impact the way you see your life or the lives of those around you?
- 3.** In his message, Pastor Scott shares that at the time of judgement we will all be asked, "What did you do with Jesus?"
What do you hope your answer is at the end of your life? Pastor Scott refers to this as a "grace judgement." What do you think that means? How might the Jesus question be a grace judgement?
- 4.** The second question of judgement that Pastor Scott shares is "What did you do with what I gave you?" Read 2 Corinthians 5:10, Matthew 16:27.
How do you see Pastor Scott's second question in these verses? How do these verses shed more light on the relationship between our lives and our eternity? What challenges you the most about this perspective of eternity and judgement and why?
- 5.** Part way through his message, Pastor Scott shared this:
Before Jesus – your whole life is about finding Jesus.
After Jesus – your whole life is about making a difference.
How have you seen these two phases of life in your own experience? Could there ever be crossover between the before Jesus and after Jesus phases? If so, what might that look like?

6. Pastor Scott shared that practicing gratitude is one way to help us develop selflessness and prepares us to be able to answer the judgement question—“what did you do with what I gave you?”
What relationship do you see between a life of gratitude and a life invested in others? Have you ever thought about the connection between gratitude and selflessness? If so, how would you describe this connection?
7. Toward the end of his message, Pastor Scott shared these 3 truths about gratitude:
 - Gratitude shifts your attitude.
 - Gratitude puts others first.
 - Gratitude is contagious.Which of these truths is the most exciting or positive for you to think about and why? Which of these truths do you see in your own life?
8. Read Matthew 12:34, 2 Corinthians 5:20, and Acts 1:8. Pastor Scott wrapped up his message talking about how gratitude for what God has done for us leads to sharing God with others. How have you seen gratitude impact your desire to share Jesus with others? What might it look like for you to be an ambassador of Christ this week?

Next Steps:

In his message, Pastor Scott posed this question: How can I live my life that my life outlives me?

Take a few minutes to reflect on that question. What are you investing your life in right now that you hope will live on after you have died?

As Pastor Scott wrapped up his message, he talked about our calling to be witnesses to the work Jesus has done.

What is one way that you might be able to express your gratitude to Jesus this week? Who is one person in your life that God might be calling you to share that gratitude with?