

Discussion Guide for Colossians 1:15-20 Part 3

1. Read Colossians 1:15-20 and briefly review the sermon outline.

(Outline review target time is five minutes or less.)

What parts of Saturday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear, or troubling?

2. Truth: Jesus is king of both living people on earth and dead people in Heaven and Hell. His authority is unescapable.

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5

What are the three motivators for action presented in 4:1?

How does the fact that Jesus will "judge the living and the dead" motivate us in preaching, teaching and evangelism?

How should we teach Christians to prepare them for judgment by Jesus?

How should we teach unbelievers to prepare them for judgment?

How does 4:4-5 intensify our responsibility to proclaim the truth that Jesus will "judge the living and the dead"?

In what ways do false religions or secular belief systems deny that Jesus will "judge the living and the dead"?

Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8

How does Paul describe the life of aggressive service to King Jesus?

What is the motivation for faithful service in 4:8 and to whom is it promised?