

Small Group/Sermon Notes for Foundational Truths Part 5:
The Resurrection of the Dead and Eternal Judgment

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- **Foundational Truths: Set Up**
- This is a series about maturing in the faith.
- Our text: **Hebrews 5:11-6:3**
 - God expects us to be growing and maturing over time.
 - AND we are to have faith like a little child!
- **This Week: The Resurrection of the dead and Eternal Judgment.**
- Eternal Judgment can be hard to talk about. It is pretty heavy. How does this subject make you feel?
- Resurrection of the dead.
 - Very few Christians today don't believe in an afterlife.
 - Not so in Jesus day. The Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection.
 - Imagine following God with no expectation of heaven...
 - In today's world our problem is that most people pretend that everyone goes to heaven.
 - That just isn't the way it goes. Our opinions don't matter.
- Resurrection and Judgment go together. **Isaiah 45:22-25**
 - Every knee will bow. Not just the believers. Not just those who are ready.
 - We see two outcomes: Being put to shame and being exulted.
 - Deeper description in **Revelation 20:11-21:8.**
 - Interesting that the cowardly are condemned. Why?
 - It gets scarier when you look at **Matthew 7:21-23** to the mix.
 - They had no idea. They had theology and actions (religion), but not the heart for true things of God. How can you know the difference?
 - Got some fear yet? Paul encourages us to be afraid. **Philippians 2:5-13.**
 - Work out your salvation with fear and trembling?
- Let's hit the turn.
 - The fear of the Lord is a good place to start. **Proverbs 1:7. Proverbs 2:5. Isaiah 33:5-6.**
 - But what starts with fear must be made complete. **1 John 4:16-19.**
 - Note: perfect love does not cast out reverence!
 - He who fears the Lord has nothing to fear!
 - Take your place in the Kingdom right now. Then you have no fear of that day! (**1 John 4:17**)
- When you get there, THEN you can look forward to Judgment Day!
 - Paul, who in Phil 2 said "fear and trembling", says **Philippians 1:23.**
 - The return of the Christ is our Blessed Hope! **Titus 2:11-14.**
 - Who doesn't want to hear "Well done, good and faithful servant!"
 - Get a new name. A new body. A heavenly dwelling. A welcome into the glorious Kingdom of God!!
- Let's circle back to where we started this series: Repentance from acts that lead to death.
 - I became a pastor for one reason: To try to keep people out of Hell.
 - As I have gotten older and a little wiser, I've learned about the beauty and goodness of God.
 - There is no down side to the knowledge of the ways of God.
 - **John 3:16**
 - Receive this and live in newness of life!
- Pray for each other before you finish up!