

REACHING OUR CITY ONE LIFE AT A TIME IN 2018

1. Pursue ONE unbeliever and become the best friend they've ever had.
2. Reach ONE person every DAY with a random act of kindness.
3. Minister to ONE person every WEEK you attend church.
4. Bring ONE new person to church every MONTH.
5. Lead ONE person to Jesus every YEAR and disciple them.



PART 1: Eternal Realities

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LIFE AFTER DEATH BELIEFS

1. Naturalist: When you die, you're ____.
2. Reincarnation: The ultimate _____ process.
3. _____ Destiny: Become one with the universe.
4. Christian: _____ is the key to heaven and hell.
5. _____: The ultimate holding tank.
6. Universalist: All _____ lead to God.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 NLT Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

ETERNAL REALITIES

1. There is more to life than this ____.
2. Our spirit and soul aren't _____.
3. We are _____ beings.
4. We can't evade _____.
5. We have been given a _____.

Deuteronomy 30:19 NLT Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!

6. As Christians, we know the decisions we make on earth determine our _____ beyond this life.

HELL'S TORMENT

1. Many perceive Heaven as the ultimate _____ factory.
2. Heaven is about a relationship with God. It is where the _____ of God is fully demonstrated.
3. If you don't want a _____ God down here, why would you want a lot of God up there?

Revelation 21:23 NLT And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light.

Matthew 7:21-23 NLT 21 Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22 On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' 23 But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

4. All the metaphors about hell are God simply giving people what they want: A life without _____.

Matthew 8:12 NLT ...those for whom the Kingdom was prepared—will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:50 NLT ...throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 22:13 NLT ...'Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

- a) Outer darkness is a place where God's presence is not _____.
- b) Burning fire is when someone's desires are _____.
- c) Weeping and gnashing of teeth is living and knowing those desires will never _____ you.

Matthew 25:41 NLT Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.'

5. If people persist in wanting a life without God, He will honor their _____ and let them have it.

Romans 1:24-28 NLT So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. 25 They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.

²⁶That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. ²⁷And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.

²⁸Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done.

- a) God the Father will let people have what they want: A life _____ Him.
- b) He sent His Son so they can have a life _____ Him.