

Discussion Guide for The Death of God: Part 1

1. Read Luke 23:20-34 and review the sermon outline.

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

2. Truth: Simple faithfulness to Christ now brings great rewards.

A) In first chapters of Revelation, Jesus has John write seven letters to the churches. Most of these churches were off-track as a whole but had some individuals who remained steadfastly committed to Christ.

He calls them "conquerors" and makes promises of rewards at His return.

Scan the conquerors' rewards in Revelation Ch. 2-3

They are found in Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26-29, 3:4-6, 3:12-13, 3:21-22

Which rewards are you looking forward to the most?

Which rewards are most mysterious to you?

B) Amongst the seven churches, there was one group for which Christ had no criticism but only commendation. They were all "conquerors".

Read Revelation 3:7-9

What two things were they doing that made them conquerors and brought Christ's commendation in 3:8?

Read Revelation 3:10-11

What is the assurance for His those who are faithful now related to the time of global judgement described in the later chapters of Revelation?

Who does Jesus promise will keep His faithful from going through the global judgement?

Read the promise made 30 years earlier in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

What is the promise for Christians living at when the end times arrive?

Verse 18 say "encourage one another with these words." What are the encouragements that you find in this passage?