

God's Kingdom Seen in 2017

Message Summary: The image of receiving an award from a judge on the raised platform of the Olympic Games is what the Apostle Paul had in mind when he wrote about the future judgment of believers for their works on earth. Let's see what this means.

Seeing the Kingdom Rewards, Part 1

2 Corinthians 5:9-11

Next Great Event in Your Life:

- Great White Throne Judgment – Is a judgment for all non-believers.
Revelation 20:11-15
- Judgment Seat of Christ – Is a Judgment for Christians only.
2 Corinthians 5:9-11

1. Our Godward Ambition vs. 9

- A. In life
- B. In death

2. Our Heavenward Motivation vs. 10

- A. A place of revelation
- B. A place of reckoning
- C. A place of receiving

3. Our Earthward Occupation vs.11

- A. Fear of God “The terror of the Lord”
- B. Faithfulness toward people “We persuade men”

LifeGroup Questions

BEGIN IT (5min) - Praising the Lord & pray that God leads the study.

OPEN IT (10min) - What motivates you to live a holy life?

EXPLORE IT (60min) - Review Sunday's Sermon outline together and any notes people have about the message.

1. Why must we appear before the Judgment seat of Christ?
2. What will people receive at the Judgment seat of Christ?
3. Why does the word “judgment” seem so scary to Christians?
4. Why do most Christians need to be constantly reminded about their standing before God in judgment?
5. How practical is it to live life here while thinking about being evaluated and rewarded later?
6. What are some areas of life that we should examine carefully for practices that could cause us and others to miss rewards in heaven?
7. How would you distinguish between an activity that is merely permissible and one that is clearly immoral or sinful?

APPLY IT (15min) - Memorize Matthew 25:21 this week.

In what small way can you detach yourself from worldly things during the week in order to obey Christ more? Take a few moments to respond in prayer to obey Christ fully.