

# A LEGACY OF FAITH - FOREVER

## ABOUT THIS WEEK

This week we will be looking at how a legacy of faith lasts forever.

### ITEMS NEEDED

- Prayer Journal
- Bibles
- Pens

### CHECKLIST BEFORE YOUR GROUP ARRIVES

- Pray for the meeting
- Print & Read Discussion Guide
- Refreshments (optional)
- Front door cracked open
- Clean meeting room & bathroom

## OPENING (5-7 MIN)

*Briefly welcome everyone and say:* For today's icebreaker, let's go in a circle and answer—

### WHAT'S THE OLDEST MAN-MADE THING YOU'VE SEEN IN PERSON?

*Say:* If you notice, man-made things last a few hundred or thousand years. But in the grand scheme of things, that's a blip on the radar. Which changes the way we think about the things we do. Today we're going to look at what changes when we live today with forever in mind.

## OPENING PRAYER (1 MIN)

*Say:* But first, can someone start us off with a brief prayer for our time together?

## NUMBER OUR DAYS (7-10 MIN)

*After the prayer, say:* On Sunday, we heard a verse that helps set the tone for our discussion.

### CAN SOMEONE READ PSALM 90:12 ALOUD FOR US?

*After the reading, say:* As we learned on Sunday, there's numbering our days on earth, and then numbering our days in eternity. This leads us to asking all sorts of new questions.

### WHAT SORT OF QUESTIONS DOES LIVING FOR ETERNITY LEAD YOU TO ASK?

### WHY IS IT HARD TO "LIVE TODAY WITH FOREVER IN MIND" WHEN MAKING DECISIONS?

### THINGS LIKE RETIREMENT AND IRA FUNDS ARE GOOD, BUT HOW DOES THIS CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ABOUT THEM?

## HOW FOREVER CHANGES US (5-7 MIN)

*After a discussion, say:* That's how forever changes the way you and I think, let's see how some Biblical writers began to think and live differently because they lived with forever in mind.

### **CAN I GET VOLUNTEERS TO READ, AND AFTERWARDS WE'LL ANSWER "WHAT DO THESE VERSES TELL US TO DO WITH FOREVER IN MIND?":**

**2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18**

**PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14**

**1 JOHN 2:15-17**

**COLOSSIANS 3:1-2**

**MATTHEW 6:19-20 (MATTHEW 10:42)**

### **WHICH OF THESE CONCEPTS WOULD BE THE MOST-BENEFICIAL FOR YOU TO BEGIN INCORPORATING IN YOUR OWN LIFE?**

## GOSPEL REMINDER (1 MIN)

*After a discussion, say:* One of the beautiful things to remember in all of this discussion is to remember God's unchanging nature. We can have a heart of foolishness or a heart of wisdom, but God's love is forever, his kingdom is forever, his promises are forever, and his forgiveness won for you through Christ is forever!

So however you begin to live today with forever in mind, praise God, you don't live in fear!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 MIN)

*Say:* Before we close in prayer today, a few quick announcements:

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP & PIE – Join us Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 for Thanksgiving worship followed by pie.

"CUP OF GOOD CHEER" WOMEN'S ADVENT EVENT – Saturday, December 2, 10:00. To register go to [stmark.net](http://stmark.net) featured events.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER NIGHT – Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM. Come put your December in order by centering your heart and mind in prayer.

## CLOSING PRAYER (5-7 MIN)

*After giving announcements, ask:*

### **ARE THERE ANY PRAYER REQUESTS YOU HAVE TONIGHT?**

*Write your group's prayer requests in your journal. Then, close the group in prayer.*