

Judgement



To the leader:

Open your group in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the page.

On Sunday, Pastor Nick continued in our End Times series by talking about two specific judgments on the end times timeline: The Bema Seat and The Great White Throne. When it comes to the topic of judgment, we naturally become a little bit defensive. “No one should be able to judge me”, “Why, out of anyone, should God judge?” However, if we take the time to think over the many judgments that we often make in an instant, we come to realize that judgment is a natural and logical event. Nick taught us, when we think about judgment, that it doesn’t have to scare you, it can secure you. There are two conditions that will flip judgment from scaring you to securing you: When Jesus is the forgiver of your sin and when He is the leader of your life. When you face judgment after death, you will be asked “What did you decide about Jesus?” and “How did you decide to live your life?”. How will you respond? Your decisions determine your destiny!

“Judgment doesn’t have to scare you, it can secure you!”

- ◆ In general, to what extent does future judgment make you uneasy?
- ◆ From what you heard in the message Sunday, what makes you secure in what’s to come?

Judgment flips from scaring you to securing you when:

1. When Jesus is the forgiver of your sin
 - ◆ Who is the Great White Throne judgment for?

- ◆ As believers, in what way should this judgment, and its outcome, impact our interactions with those around us?

2. When Jesus is the leader of your life

- ◆ Who is the Bema Seat judgment for?
- ◆ What will we be judged here?
- ◆ Why will the rewards received from this judgment be returned back to Jesus?

Now what?

“Your decisions determine your destiny.”

- ◆ In what way do our decisions during our life influence what judgment we attend and its outcome?
- ◆ In what way can you help those around you to be more secure regarding future judgment?

Three Essential Questions

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you’ve learned today?*