

ETERNAL LIVING

What Jesus Really Meant
About Eternal Life

IceBreaker: Share about a time when you thought you needed to wait for something good, but then discovered it was available right now!

Introduction *(Read aloud before discussion.)*

We are starting a series in the Gospels about eternal living. Jesus talked a lot about eternal life, but what did he mean, and more particularly, when did he mean?

Sermon Discussion *(Use as a guide for dialogue; let God lead, and read the verses aloud.)*

John 17:3

This is one of the clearest places in the New Testament where eternal life is defined.

1. Talk about how Jesus defines eternal life.
2. Travis made the point that eternal life is a quality of life that can begin right now, and that this was the essential message, or good news, that Jesus brought. What do you think?

John 1:4–5

Notice the word “**life**” (*zoe in Greek*). This is the same word used in **John 17:3**. This verse seems to say that Jesus is not only life, but actually brought this life to the world.

3. What do you think?
4. Jesus came to deliver life. How would you describe abundant life to someone?

*Check out **John 10:10** if you want to!*

Matthew 11:28

5. Does this verse suggest that many people are leaving a whole bunch of life on the table?
6. Are many of us settling for far less abundant life than is available?
7. Are you leaving a bit of life on the table?
8. What area or relationship in your life would you like to see infused with a dose of abundant life, eternal living?

Mark 1:15–18

9. Did Jesus have a specific and effective strategy for bringing willing students into eternal living, abundant life?

Think about Jesus as a great coach, sensei, or incredible piano teacher. Did Jesus have a plan for developing people into the kind of people who live an eternal quality of life?

10. What was his plan?
11. Is his plan still operational?
12. What is one way you could take his specific plan more seriously?