

Weekend Teaching Discussion Guide

Reordering Your Life – Week Four

Teaching by Pastor Jackson

WARM-UP QUESTION

- When you think about the end of your life, what do you hope you will be known for?
What would make you feel that your life truly mattered?

DISCUSS

1. The Ultimate Purpose of Our Lives

Everything we have talked about throughout this series leads to one central question: What is the ultimate purpose of my life?

Pastor Jackson challenged us to think about what the end of our lives will look like, what we will ultimately be known for, and whether the way we lived actually made a difference.

Read *Romans 14:10–12*.

We will all stand before God and give an account of ourselves. Hebrews reminds us that our earthly lives are moving toward a final moment of accountability.

Read *Hebrews 9:27*.

- How does remembering that our lives are temporary and that we will one day give an account change the way we think about our priorities today?
- What does it mean to live with eternity in mind without becoming distracted from the responsibilities God has given us right now?

2. The Two Questions of Eternity

Pastor Jackson described two questions that help us understand what Scripture teaches about our future.

The first question is:

What did you do with My Son, Jesus?

Read *Revelation 20:11–12*.

Scripture describes the books being opened, along with the Book of Life. We do not earn salvation through good works. It is a gift received through faith in Jesus.

Read *Ephesians 2:8–9*.

The first and most important question is whether we know Jesus personally and have received the salvation He offers.

But there is another question:

What did you do with what I gave you?

Read *1 Corinthians 3:11–15*.

Paul describes Jesus as the foundation and challenges believers to consider what they are building on that foundation. Our works do not determine whether we are saved, but Scripture teaches that what we do with what God has given us matters eternally.

- How do these two questions help clarify the difference between salvation and the way we live after salvation?
- What has God given you that you can leverage to help other people know Jesus and experience His love?

3. Living for an Eternal Difference

Pastor Jackson explained that there is a future recognition of what we have done with what God has entrusted to us.

Read *2 Corinthians 5:10*.

Read *Matthew 16:27*.

Jesus teaches that He will reward people according to what they have done. The goal is not to earn salvation, but to faithfully use everything God has entrusted to us for an eternal purpose.

Pastor Jackson challenged us to imagine standing before Jesus one day and being able to say, "I gave my all."

- What does it look like to use your time, relationships, resources, abilities, and influence to make an eternal difference?

- Where might God be asking you to become more intentional with what He has already placed in your hands?

4. Fall in Love with What Jesus Loves

Pastor Jackson shared that making an eternal difference is learning to love what Jesus loves. Just as relationships grow when we become interested in what matters to someone we love, our lives change when our hearts align with the heart of Jesus.

Three things Jesus loves should shape the way we live:

Jesus Loves the Lost, So We Do Too

Read *Luke 15:3–6*.

Jesus tells the story of the shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to search for the one lost sheep. From a business perspective, this does not make much sense. But Jesus makes the value of the one unmistakable.

The lost matter to Jesus. Because they matter to Him, they should matter to us.

- Who is one person in your life who may be far from God that you could intentionally pray for, pursue, or invite into relationship?

Jesus Loves the Poor, So We Do Too

Read *1 John 3:17*.

Jesus calls His followers to respond when they see someone in need. This includes caring for people who lack material resources, but it also reminds us that people can be spiritually and relationally poor even when they are materially wealthy.

Scripture repeatedly speaks about the riches we have received through God: His grace, goodness, wisdom, knowledge, and glory.

- What does it look like for us to move beyond simply believing something about compassion and actually respond when we encounter people in need?

Jesus Loves the Next Generation, So We Do Too

Read *3 John 1:4*.

John is speaking about his spiritual children, people he has helped lead to faith in Christ and continues to disciple and pray for.

Pastor Jackson reminded us, "We live for the days we will not see." Much of the most meaningful work we do may produce fruit that we never personally get to witness.

- Who is part of the next generation that God has placed in your life, and how can you intentionally invest in their faith?

5. Building What Will Last

Read *2 Corinthians 4:18*.

Pastor Jackson closed with a sobering reminder: nothing we build on earth will last forever. Buildings, possessions, careers, accomplishments, and other earthly things are temporary.

But Christ and His Church are eternal. The people we help lead toward Jesus will spend eternity with Him.

This changes the way we think about legacy. The ultimate purpose of our lives is not simply to build something impressive that remains after we are gone. It is to faithfully invest in things that will last forever.

- What is one practical next step you can take to embrace an eternal, legacy-minded perspective in the way you live?

CLOSING REFLECTION

Which statement best reflects the next step God may be inviting you to take?

- I need to make knowing Jesus the foundation of my life.
- I need to become more intentional with what God has entrusted to me.
- I need to care more deeply about the people who are far from God.
- I need to become more attentive to people experiencing poverty or need.
- I need to intentionally invest in the next generation.
- I need to shift my focus from what is temporary to what will last forever.

PRAYER

Close by thanking God that our lives have eternal purpose because of Jesus. Thank Him for the salvation we receive through faith, not through our works. Ask Him to help each person recognize what He has entrusted to them and faithfully use it to make an eternal difference.

Pray that God would give the church His heart for the lost, the poor, and the next generation. Ask Him to help you live with an eternal perspective, investing your time, resources, relationships, abilities, and influence into things that will last forever. Pray that when we stand before Jesus, our lives will reflect that we gave our all for what He loves.