

Easter Sunday
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Life Abundant

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

What is "eternal life"?

1. The source of lasting satisfaction:

*"The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
(John 4:14)*

2. The chance to start over:

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.
He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life." (John 5:24)*

3. The place we are safe:

*"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my
hand." (John 10:28)*

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Theoretically, what are some of the pros and cons of living forever?

Going Deeper

3. Read John 10:10 and 20:30-31. Why does John write his gospel? Why does Jesus come to earth? When Jesus and John speak of "life"/"eternal life", they're primarily referring to a *quality* of life (i.e. fullness of life), rather than a *quantity* of life (i.e. everlasting life). How does this change our view of eternal life, and the promise of heaven?
4. Read John 4:11-13. What does Jesus offer to the woman at the well? What "wells" do you run to for satisfaction? Where do you hope to find satisfaction in the future? What kind of satisfaction is Jesus offering you?
5. Read John 5:19-29. What does Jesus say is true of people the moment they trust in him (see v. 24)? What regrets do you have? In what relationships or areas of life would you like to "start again"? What is Jesus offering you in this passage? What's your initial reaction to Jesus' offer?
6. Read John 10:27-29. When do you feel most safe? What are you currently anxious about? What is Jesus offering you in this passage? What is your initial reaction to Jesus' offer?

Application

7. If haven't yet decided to follow Christ, what is currently keeping you from making this decision? Is it a *content* issue (you don't agree with certain aspects of the Christian faith), a *coherence* issue (you have an objection to the Christian faith that you can't resolve), or a *cost* issue (you believe that the decision to follow Christ will cost you something dear)?¹ If this issue was resolved, would you be more willing to follow Jesus? Discuss this issue with a Christian friend.
8. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this message?

¹ Material adapted from https://www.redeemer.com/skeptics_welcome/how_can_i_know_god/.