



## Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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# Gospel: The Judgment

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### SCRIPTURE

Revelation 20:11-15

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. <sup>14</sup> Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. <sup>15</sup> Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

### ENGAGE

What comes to your mind when you hear about a judgment day?

### DISCUSS

1. Read Revelation 20:1-15. What do you learn from this passage?
2. How does it make you feel that everything will be revealed? (Read Luke 12:2-3) Does that change the way we live our lives? (Sin needs to be exposed so that we will see all that Christ triumphed over.)
3. Read John 5:24. What hope do believers have at judgment day?
4. What are the implications for non-believers at judgment day?
5. Recently, a final day was promoted by a group with good intentions, believing that they had successfully crunched the numbers in the Bible to be able to predict the end of the world. Will we know when judgment day arrives? Does God know?
6. The reason for judgment is to proclaim God's glory. In what way can God be glorified through judgment?
7. Some suggested next steps include the following:
  - a. Forgive others
  - b. Commit to righteous living from this day forward

c. Use opportunities to tell others about Jesus.

Which of these needs the most attention in your life? Why?

## YOUR NEXT STEP

What would you change today to live like Judgment Day is near?

## CHILDREN'S TIME

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the words "Judgment Day"?
2. If you were to be judged by what you've done, what would God think?
3. Since there is a day when this world will end, how should we live?

## OTHER PASSAGES

Romans 2:6-8

Luke 12:2-3

2 Cor. 5:10

Matt. 25:31

John 5:25-30

Matthew 25:34

Acts 17:31

John 5:24

Romans 8:1

Rev. 14:9

Ezekiel 33:11

1 Peter 1:17

Rev. 19:1-2