



SUMMIT
— C H U R C H —
DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

March 8, 2026 | ESSENTIALS – Week 6



GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER _____

1. What is a job you've had—or would hate to have—involving farming, yard work, or harvesting?
2. Why do you think people tend to avoid or downplay difficult topics like judgment or hell?



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

1. Share something from the service or message that stood out, challenged or encouraged you.
2. Why do some people approach faith in a similar way to a person wanting the benefits of marriage without commitment?
3. Read **Hebrews 9:27**. What does this teach about the certainty of judgment?
4. Read **Matthew 10:28**. What does this reveal about the seriousness of eternity?
5. Why do ideas like *universalism* (all people will be saved) and *annihilationism* (people cease to exist) appeal to many people today?
6. Jesus used images like fire, darkness, and separation to describe hell. What do they communicate about life apart from God?
7. If people ultimately receive what they choose regarding God, how should that change the way we think about God's justice and people's responsibility?



GOING DEEPER _____

READ Luke 16:19–31

1. What is something that jumps out at you from this passage?
2. What contrasts do you notice between the rich man and Lazarus during their lives on earth?
3. What changes after their deaths, and what does that reveal about eternity?
4. What does this passage teach about the permanence of the choices people make regarding God?
5. Why do you think the rich man asks for Lazarus to warn his family? What does that reveal about his understanding now?
6. Abraham says that people already have Moses and the Prophets. What does this teach about the responsibility people have when they hear God's Word?
7. If this passage is true, how should it shape the way we think about the people around us who do not yet know Christ?



YOUR NEXT STEP _____

1. If judgment and eternity are real, how should that shape the way you live this week?
2. Read and meditate on **2 Corinthians 5:10–14**. Think of one person in your life who needs the hope of the gospel. Write down their name and commit to praying for them. Consider inviting them to coffee this week.



PRAYING TOGETHER _____

Take time to share burdens and pray for one another.