

Friday Night Lights Part 2

Life vs. Death

John 10:10, 28 (NIV) *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full... I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.*

1. Choose _____ life...receive _____ of sins.

Romans 3:23 - all have sinned

Romans 6:23 - wages of sin is death

John 3:16 - Jesus died in your place

1 John 1:9 - confess your sins he will forgive you

2. Choose _____ life...receive _____ from sin's power.

John 10:27 (NIV) *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

3. Don't let anything _____ your _____ in Christ.

Psalms 23 (NIV) *The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

Homework Assignment

Getting Started:

1. Were you able to attend the Red Oak High School game on Friday? Or, the Tailgating Party at the church on Saturday? How did it go?
2. Last week we talked about being *saltier and brighter*. How did that go?

Going Deeper:

This week, Pastor Scott discussed the battle between Life and Death. While a huge focus for this series is towards evangelism, these messages also have rich meaning for those who are already Christ followers. The battle between Life and Death is not merely about heaven and hell; it is also about living *fully* or experiencing *destruction*. What does it mean for us when the Bible talks about living fully, and what does it mean to experience destruction?

Read **John 1 0:1-19**

1. These verses describe Jesus as the Good Shepherd. What are some of the qualities of a good shepherd?
2. Read **Ezekiel 34:1-6**. What are some of the things that define poor shepherding?
3. **John 10:10** says that the thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Who is the thief? What are the ways that he steals, kills, and destroys? What are the ways he attempts to bring destruction to you personally?
4. **John 10:10** also says that He came to give us life to the full. What are the characteristics of living fully? What are you missing in your life that is keeping you from living fully?
5. **Ephesians 6:10-19** gives us some tools to combat the thief and usher in the full life that the Good Shepherd offers. Which of these tools do you think would be valuable for you to focus on this week?
6. How can we be used by God to help others live fully?

Acting Out:

1. Write down a tool from #5 that you will focus on developing or “putting on” this week, so that you may live more fully.
2. Talk about one way you can help each other live fully this week – be specific so you can follow through this week.
3. Discuss attending the Life School football game this Friday Night, together as a group.

Further Reading:

John 10

Ezekiel 34

Psalm 23

Ephesians 6