

The Story Series
Facing Judgment, Part Two
05/21/22
Newport News

Opening

-Mental Health Awareness & pray for Mike and Lindy

-(show The Story Slide)

-(show our slide for tonight)

-Hebrews 9:27

Introduction

-I want us to look at three distinct parts of verse 27 tonight.

- **Each person is destined**
- **To die once**
- **After that comes judgment**

Destined

-Ephesians 1:11 (ball illustration...didn't throw & waiting see what happens)

-Colossians 1:16-17

-Proverbs 16:33

-The Story is reminding us that God has set into motion His plan for this world and all of mankind.

>use locomotive analogy...can't get off, can't change course

>He created us here so we can be with Him there... (road trip rules)

>We begin here for the benefit of a comparative experience...

>(time travel movies)

-We have a fascination with time travel because we hate the idea of not being in control.

-Proverbs 3:5-6

-Knowledge of God = Intimacy with God = Trust in God

Death

-Every religion that teaches some form of reincarnation or regeneration is a lie that caters to humanity's unwillingness to deal with the finality of death.

-There are no second chances... (Psalm 39:4/James 4:14)

-Genesis 1:1-3a

>Can I just encourage you tonight...God wants to keep creating in us!

>Let's become our full selves!

>Each of us has a part to play in The Story God has unleashed on the universe and I don't want any part of mine to be left undone!!!

-What you need to know...

- 1. Death is not an end. (Psalm 49:15)**
- 2. Death is not only sorrow. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)**
- 3. Death is not to be feared. (Philippians 1:21)**
- 4. Death is not to be taken lightly. (Hebrews 9:27)**

Judgment

-Anyone here ever been in front of a judge?

-What are some things we are supposed to believe about judges?

-Psalm 19:7

-Psalm 111:7

-2 Corinthians 5:10

-**Matthew 22:1-14** (preach here about the significance of vs. 12-13)

-(talk about where we might be “in line” awaiting judgment)

- Billy Graham
- Mother Theresa
- Dr. King
- Harriett Tubman

-Isaiah 61:10

Band

-Psalm 1:1

- **Whose advice are you taking?**
- **Whose example are you following?**
- **Whose life are you becoming?**

-You need a church to call home...

1. Our warmest welcome – diversity
2. Our boldest gift – generosity
3. Our best effort – ministry
4. Our strongest bond – community

-Walk, stand and sit with people who understand destiny, death, and judgment!

Close

-Invitation and prayer for healing