**Q117. What is the final judgment?**

God has appointed a day in which He will righteously judge the world by Jesus Christ, in Whom is all power and judgment. On that day, the fallen angels and all people who were conceived to life will appear before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of all their thoughts, words, and deeds—whether good or evil. God's purpose for this day is for the manifestation of the glory, both of His merciful grace in the eternal salvation of the elect and of His justice in the eternal damnation of the reprobate.

1. As a Christian, what will you testify to for why God will welcome you into eternal blessedness with Him?

Leader, this is critical. There is only one right answer (may be spoken various ways), that is “I plead CHRIST ALONE on my behalf: I plead Christ’s work ALONE, I plead my personal faith in Jesus that YOU graciously GAVE me, I plead Christ’s righteousness graciously CREDITED to me. I plead YOUR saving grace.”

None of our answers should include “I did…” “I earned…” “I was….” (Even the faith we had/have was a gift that we don’t take credit for!)

1. Did you learn anything new tonight about the final judgment? If so, what was it?
2. Why will God not excuse “ignorance” at the final judgment?
3. Why is Jesus the one who judges?
4. If we are to be judged on every careless word we have spoken, what forms of communication do you need to be more cautious with?
5. Read Matthew 15:18: Explain in your own words why we will give an account of every careless word.
6. Read Ecclesiastes 12:14: Does this truth help you see the need to confess secret sin? Why or why not?
7. What secret thing do you need to confess to your leader? If you’re unwilling to do this now, will you commit to doing it this week in a more private setting?
8. At the final judgment, what does God do with the “Two Groups” of people in our answer?
9. What is the purpose for God’s eternal salvation of the elect?
10. What is the purpose for God’s damnation of the reprobate?
11. Since this day is coming, what should we be doing with the time God has given us?
12. What are some intentional practices you exercise to do this? What are some things you can implement to do this?