

Our Eternal Home 2 Corinthians 5:1–4

SERMON OUTLINE

What it's like moving into a new and unfamiliar culture...

I. Context: The Hope of the Resurrection

- A. In this world, we are strangers and sojourners
- B. We must realize that we are weak
- C. We only boast in Christ
- D. Our confidence in our future affects our present

II. The Tent that is Our Earthly Home

- A. The tent = our bodies. The life we live here and now.
- B. The tent is weak
 - 1. Weakness is at the heart of the gospel
 - 2. God has designed us with deficiencies so that we will hope in and point to Him
- C. The tent is temporary
 - 1. Our earthly home will be destroyed
 - 2. Everything is fading, passing away
- D. Don't live for the tent!

III. A Building from God, Eternal in the Heavens

- A. This is the hope of the promised resurrection
- B. This building is not temporary, fading, or fleeting
- C. We embrace weakness because of the perfection ahead

EXHORTATIONS

- We are always of good courage
- We walk by faith, not by sight
- We make it our aim to please Him
- We are a new creation
- We are reconciled reconcilers
- We are ambassadors

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your greatest fear? Why are you afraid of it?
2. Share about a time when you felt like a complete outsider.
3. Trent asked a great diagnostic question to consider: what is your initial response to your weakness being pointed out?
4. What are some ways you have viewed your body as something other than a temporary and weak tent?
5. What are some ways you are tempted to “live for the tent?”
6. How can we balance a biblical approach to caring for our bodies w/a right view of living for future (not present) glory?

OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP

1. What does this text tell us about God?
2. What does this text tell us about man?
3. What should I put on or put off in my thinking?
4. What should I put on or put off in my doing?

LAST WEEK'S HOMEWORK

1. Make a plan for your group's block party.
2. Read Colossians 3:1–17. Talk with someone in your group about what you need to “put off” or “put on” in order to obey James 1:17–27.

HOMEWORK

1. Think through #6 above and make a practical plan.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15 and Revelation 21–22 and spend some focused time thinking on eternity this week.