



# Growth Group Discussion Questions

## Winter Session 3/24/19

1. On Sunday, Paul suggested that considering the biblical frameworks of “age to come”, “kingdom of God”, and “life of the age(s)” (aka “eternal life”) can supply a motivation for following Jesus that is often missing if we are only looking through the “standard” framework (i.e. me----→heaven/hell). Can you describe in your own words why that is? What do we stand to gain by expanding our frameworks to incorporate these common biblical concepts?
2. Read Ephesians 1:10 and 1:20-21. These scriptures clearly state that Jesus is to be lord/king of both heaven **and** earth and the present **and** future. If heaven and the future represent the time and place when this rule is fully recognized and implemented, why isn't this true for the earth in the present? What do you see as your role in this picture of reality?
3. What do you think of when you think of “eternal life”? Read these scriptures: John 3:36,5:24,5:39,6:47,6:54,17:3. How do these scriptures relate to your current view? Is there any updating or modifying to your current view that you could do in light of these passages?
4. Parallel to the idea of “eternal life” is the “kingdom of God”. Read Luke 9:27; 10:9,11; 11:2,20; 17:20-21, 21:31, and Matthew 21:31. What do you notice about the kingdom in these passages? How does this relate to what we've been discussing?

5. What is one thing you can do this week to live a life of the age (to come)?  
Commit to it and ask others to pray for you and help you as needed.