



TURN IN: THE SEARCH SESSION 6

NAMES:

(please list full names of everyone present, candidates and companions)

First, read all the quotes below. Which captures your interest most? Or was it something else? *Start there!*

Discuss your reactions. What do you think about it? Do you agree or disagree and why? How does it make you feel? What's right or wrong about it? How do you connect with what's being said? Can you see a part of your life that applies?

After discussing, write down some of what was shared, enough to demonstrate that you had good conversation.

DISCUSSION QUOTE 1

I think for a lot of people salvation is just fire insurance... But the reality is that in the New Testament, salvation isn't just about what will happen to us after we die - it very much pertains to the here and now as well. In fact, what is it that we need to be saved from: we are enslaved by sin.

DR. MICHAEL BARBER

DISCUSSION QUOTE 2

Sin is not just a violation of a rule; it's a violation of reality... Whenever we sin, we are acting not just against God... we are acting against our own best interests.

DR. SEAN INNERST

DISCUSSION QUOTE 3

That's all the moral framework of the Church and Christianity is... God is not trying to make us miserable; he is actually trying to make us thrive.

JIM BECKMAN

DISCUSSION QUOTE 4

Jesus did not just come to make bad people good. He came to make dead people alive.

CHRIS STEFANICK

WRAP UP

A wealthy young man approached Jesus and asked: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17) Like the young man, who saw salvation as a *future* event, we often want to be assured that life after death will be good. We sometimes fall into the mentality that getting to Heaven is a matter of punching a particular ticket or checking all the boxes on a list. Jesus' first instructions almost sound like that. "Follow the commandments," he replied (see Mark 10:19). However, just as the young man thinks he has a handle on his salvation, Jesus adds, "Sell everything, give it to the poor, and follow me" (see Mark 10:21). When the young man walked away, even the disciples were surprised. They asked Jesus: "Who then can be saved?" (Mark 10:26) Jesus replied, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God" (Mark 10:27). Jesus redirects their focus from "what must I do" to "what only God can do."

One last question: What is one take-away for you from this session?
