

1. "Life starts in a cemetery." What does this mean? Why do we tend to live as if death doesn't exist?

- The reality of the resurrection proclaimed by Jesus in Luke 20:27-40. If we **really** *believed* that there is a resurrection after death → how does that impact your thinking and how you would live?

- Why do we struggle at times to remember the truth of the resurrection?

- The majority of our culture would oppose the Christian concept of heaven; Why do you think so?

2. **Read Luke 20:27-33** The Sadducees try to twist Scripture when they question Jesus. *Why did they ask this question? What purpose did it serve them?*

- **In Matthew 22:29**Matthew records that Jesus states this to the Sadducees, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God."

- The Sadducees did *know* the Scriptures, but still were in error. What was their error?

- Jesus' statement is challenging and convicting.....how does it speak to you?

3. **Read Luke 20:34-40** Jesus makes 3 statements in His answer about the afterlife.
1) No marriage 2) No death 3) those who know Jesus will be like angels.

- What is your reaction to these 3 truths about heaven?

4. The deep biblical truth that Jesus reveals is that death does **not** end a person's existence. Life will **not** end. A number of people do **not** believe in an afterlife.... how would you answer them?

- Many people today make a crucial mistake when they state **truth** about God.....deathresurrection.....hell...*that's based on their feelings or emotions*. Why is this direction wrong? How would you communicate to them to consider *their truth*?

5. **Read Luke 20:41-44** The dominant claim of Jesus is that He is God. It is the cornerstone of His claim. Why was there so much resistance to Jesus then?.....and now....that He is the only way to salvation?

6. **Read Luke 20:45-47** Jesus warns the people of 'the teachers of the law.' The scribes were the dominant force in Judaism, not only theologically, but socially. The scribes heard this warning from Jesus. How do you think they may have reacted?

- The 5 reasons Jesus gives are penetrating. What stands out to you in those statements?

- Jesus ends with a powerful declaration of punishment for those false teachers. In our culture today (Non-Christian & Christian).... the tendency is not to point out false teachers....why?.....Is this correct?

- How do you determine who a false teacher is?