Some Things We Cannot Escape (#2)

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INTRODUCTION

- The introduction of the lesson talked about the fact that people are looking for relief.
- There are all kinds of negative things in our lives that we're looking to get away from and escape in some way.
- There are moral and immoral approaches or options to dealing with the stress of life in an attempt to find relief.

1 You Cannot Escape the Reason You Live

Psalm 16:11; Acts 17:28–31; Deuteronomy 6:24

- You cannot escape in any way whatsoever the reason you live. The reason you exist.
- When people try to avoid their responsibility to God, they are running from the very thing that they need the most.
- Thou wilt make known to me the path of life. That's the meaning of life right there.
- In his presence is fullness of joy. There are all kinds of places to search for that. But you're only going to find it in God's presence.
- We live in a world created and controlled by an unrivaled and awesome God who has a purpose for us.
- You were made to serve God. And to honor him, to worship him. We were tailor-made for this.

2 You Cannot Escape the Effect of Your Existence

1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 2:11–12; Joshua 24:15

- There are people that you come in contact with that your behavior either positively or negatively affects them.
- Are you contributing to the spiritual betterment of others? Or are you just assisting them in their spiritual decline?
- When we're called upon as the children of God to be light in the world. That's about having a positive impact on the lives of others.
- Nobody goes to hell by themselves. Nobody. But everybody influences somebody. And you cannot escape the power of your influence.
- Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, that they may observe your good deeds and glorify God in the day of visitation.
- Joshua knew that by taking that stand he could influence others.

3 You Cannot Escape the Culmination of Your Existence

- You simply cannot escape where all of this is headed.

- Whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap. If you sow to the flesh, you will reap corruption.
- He that sows of the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

THE CHALLENGE

Be baptized and wash away your sins. Calling on the name of the Lord. Have you done that?

MY NOTES