

LIVING LIFE IN-BETWEEN: MATTHEW 4:1-11, EPHESIANS 1:3-6
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PRIMARY TEMPTATIONS OF LIFE IN-BETWEEN:

- I AM WHAT I DO

- I AM WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT ME

- I AM WHAT I HAVE

SECRET TO LIVING THIS LIFE IN-BETWEEN

- UNDERSTANDING WHO YOU REALLY ARE

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:

For Starters: How do you value and spend the time you have today and tomorrow? If you could change one thing about how you spend your time, what would it be and why?

The Basics: Read Psalm 39:4-5. What does the Psalmist say about the value of the time we have on earth? Do you look at life this way? Discuss.

Quick Fire Round John 1:1-12:

- Read Matthew 4:1-11. What were the primary temptations Jesus faced?
- How can we waste the time we have by focusing on *what we do, what others say about us and what we have*? Which of the above temptations do you primarily deal with and why?
- Read Matthew 3:16-17. How did Jesus live out of His Father's identity and not waste time focusing or being distracted by other things?
- Read Ephesians 1:1-14. What stands out to you regarding your true identity and purpose? How would your life change or look different if you understood who you really were in Christ?

The challenge: Think about that one thing you would change about how you spend your time. Determine what is holding you back from making changes and then take a step to live differently.

Prayer: Father, remind me of the brief time I have today. Thank you that you created me in your image, as your child, to live in such a way that brings glory to you. Guide me to make the changes necessary to truly live for you and your kingdom.