# newlife SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

## **TOMORROW PEOPLE**

Begin with the End in Mind

Discussion Points

April 18, 2021

### Read/Reflect

- 1. Read Mark 1:14-15. The "good news" of the gospel is that "The Kingdom of God has come near". In other words, a whole new way of life is available to people who follow Jesus; a Matthew 5-7 (the sermon on the Mount type of life). How does your thinking about the future change considering these words?
- 2. What are some of the benefits of living as a tomorrow person? How might this reduce anxiety, depression and other ills that we face?

#### Go Deeper

3. What does this quote below mean to you?

C.S. Lewis wrote: "There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously - no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption."

- 4. In the sermon that Pastor Bruce preached, he talked about attending your own funeral 3 years from now. What's more, he imagined with you that there would be a eulogy spoken over you from your family, from your friendship circle, from your work life and from your church community. If you could choose those people right now, who would they be?
- 5. How does prioritizing loving other people change us for the better?

## Pray

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