



Eternity: Some Scary But Helpful Thoughts – Mark Pope
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1. Have you had any “scared straight” types of experiences that have helped you do the right thing even when it was hard? What was that like?
2. Look at Matthew 25:31-46. The Bible teaches that salvation is by faith through the grace of God and not by our good works. Since Scripture doesn't contradict itself, how do you reconcile this text with that concept?
3. Read Luke 16:19-31. How did Jesus use the story of the rich man and Lazarus to “scare straight” His audience and us? How does hearing it affect you?
4. Where do you struggle as it relates to compassion toward the groups listed in the text - the hungry, thirsty, needing clothed, strangers, the sick or those in prison?
5. Ultimately, the text shows Jesus calling for compassion. In what areas and to whom is God calling you to be more compassionate?