***We look forward to Resurrection and the World to Come!***

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***Introduction***:

“If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.”

-CS Lewis

“God has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into the human heart…”

-Ecclesiastes 3:11…

The Argument from Desire

***A brief summary of resurrection and the Life to come.***

Orthodox Christianity teaches bodily resurrection from the dead

Orthodox Christianity teaches that we will reign with Christ

LDS Theology teaches

* A physical resurrection to three levels of eternal Kingdoms, or perdition.

***Let’s begin with the end in Mind…***

***Live in preparation of making the case for your faith to anyone who asks…***

I Peter 3:15 – “Be prepared to make a defense.”

Preparing our heads

Preparing our hearts.

Preparing in Prayer.

Living curiously… learning to ask questions

Living with humility.

Preparing our own story.

Preparing a life that’s attractive, Philippians 2:14-18

***Live with a heart that trusts God for the outcomes…***

The heart of an evangelist is a heart that’s always learning to trust God, Mark 6:7

The heart of an evangelist trusts that God is drawing, John 6:44, Romans 1:19-21

The heart of an evangelist lives a life of love…

**Next Steps and Questions for reflection:**

1. Do you see people of other faiths, or of no faith, as enemies, or as less than worthy of your time of effort?
2. Do you know 5 people, with whom you have personal relationship, who are not followers of Jesus?
3. If I were to ask you right now, to talk a few minutes about what God has done for you would you be able to answer?

Over the next couple weeks:

1. Make a list of 5 people that you can begin to pray for… open eyes… open hearts… open doors.
2. Begin to pray daily for opportunity to tell your story and the courage to actually tell it when the opportunity arises.
3. Identify one area of your faith you’d like to know more about and then take a step to learn about it…
4. Take a little time and reflect on your story… what would you tell someone who asked you today why you follow Jesus?