Study Notes: The Paradox of Death and Life

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Scripture: Romans 6:1-2

A Baked-In Paradox

Chris opens by naming Wednesday as one of camp's most important days before introducing Romans 6.

- This faith, this walk with Jesus, is a walk of ____ and life at the same time.

The Triceratops Moment

Chris's own story: at seven years old he stole a toy dinosaur from a friend, lied to his mom about it, and got caught.

- This triceratops represents to me the dead Chris, the ____ me.

Getting Caught at Palm Beach Atlantic

Chris shares a second story: getting caught in a cheating scheme at Palm Beach Atlantic University and being asked to leave school.

- Because I have this relationship, that part of my life is ____. It's gone. It doesn't exist.

Death to Your Old Nature

The sin nature still lives in the bones, Chris says, but it no longer owns or governs a believer.

> *"We know that our old self was ____ with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin." (Romans 6:6)*

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Death to a Hopeless Future

Speaking directly to the doom teenagers can feel about their future.

- One of the greatest lies of the enemy is that you need to live however you want now because one day your future will be ____.

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The Other Half of the Paradox

The other half of the paradox: freedom in grace and the abundant life through the Spirit of God.

- It's not just that death occurs. It's that life ____.

Chris's Own Glasses Illustration

Chris's own glasses illustration for what an eternal focus does for clarity and direction.

- An eternal focus is like ____. It helps guide me. I know where I'm going.

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The Takeaway

- You are dead to sin, dead to your old nature, and dead to a hopeless future, but alive to Jesus with a flourishing, eternally-focused life, and today is the day to embrace that paradox.

Reflect

1. Chris said everyone has had a "triceratops moment," a defining moment when you realized something in you was broken. What was yours?

2. He named one of the greatest lies of the enemy as the idea that you need to live however you want now because your future will be restricted later. Where have you believed that lie?

3. Chris compared an eternal focus to putting on glasses, saying it brings clarity and direction. What's one area of your life right now where you need to look through the lens of eternity instead of the moment?