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Digging Deeper questions for small group discussion & personal reflection

If you could sum up your life's purpose in one sentence, what would it be? Would you have this on your gravestone?!

God is our Judge (v.1-5)

Do you live each moment knowing that you are in God's presence? How is this both a reassurance and a warning for us?

What do you do when the Bible seems to be challenging you on an issue that makes you uncomfortable? How might you respond to God by faith in that area of life rather than avoid it?

God is our Reward (v.6-8)

Do you "long for Jesus' appearing" or are you too content with life as it is?

Why is it important to keep our eyes on the finishing line as we run the race of life? What will help us to do this?

What is it that you hope to gain from your life on earth? What is the prize you are striving for? Why is the 'crown of righteousness' that Jesus will award to us, the greatest prize imaginable?

God is our bond (v.9-22)

We've been talking quite a bit about Christian friendships recently. How are you making the most of the relationships with other believers that God has given you?

How do you cope with times when other Christians let you down? How can you primarily rely on Jesus rather than human relationships?

Is it any surprise that Paul ends with the words, "Grace be with you all"? How are you holding on to God's grace in your life right now?