



# LIFE CIRCLES

## DISCUSSION GUIDE - Dec. 7, 2025

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**My Body, My Slave - Biodivine, Part 1**

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### SUMMARY

In this sermon kicking off a new series, we examine more scripture that shows God's intention isn't for us to escape earth for heaven. His desire is to dwell with humanity and either establish, restore or re-establish somewhere for God to live. Anything that is on earth as it is in heaven, God can occupy. We are the fulfillment of the Old Testament temple prophecies. We can prove the gospel's power through transformed lives here on earth not in an afterlife. "God does not desire for you to deal with this body till you're done with it. God desires ... to occupy it and then reveal His nature through it from the inside out."

### ICE BREAKER

What's one physical activity that you've seen people train for, and what impressed you about their dedication?

### KEY VERSES

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- Hebrews 11:3
- John 1:14
- John 10:10
- Matthew 6:22-23

### SEEDS FOR DISCUSSION

- Paul wasn't contrasting two types of crowns, but perishable crowns (pine wreaths placed on victors' heads or necks) versus incorruptibility itself. The goal is immortality and abundant life, not heavenly rewards.
- In modern theology we're often applying a 21<sup>st</sup> Century context to a First Century question.
- The Old Testament prophetic witness consistently shows God's desire to dwell on earth with humanity, not to evacuate people to heaven.
- If death was the point, then the crucifixion would have been a successful mission.
- We are God's dwelling place on earth, not buildings.
- Disciplining our bodies isn't about earning salvation but about proving the gospel's power through transformed lives.
- We often translate "vanity" to mean a sinful pride in one's appearance. It's meaning is actually closer to meaninglessness or futility.
- The gospel is about restoration of divine order: Spirit governing soul, soul governing body, and body having dominion over creation.