

## Discussion Guide

### *Series: What Happens When I Die?, wk1 Two-Step*

April 7, 2024



#### Big Idea

Jesus shares his victory over death with us.



#### Icebreaker

It is only early April, but gardening season will be here before we know it. Do you have any plans to plant/grow any kind of flowers or vegetables this year? What is the plan & what are you most excited about regarding it?



#### Discussion Questions

1. Review what you recall from the message regarding why your Preaching Team felt led to share this series? When it comes to the afterlife, what are the Team's desired outcomes? Do you feel these are meaningful, needed; valuable outcomes and why or why not?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 (NIV). This passage communicates that (fill in the blank): *Christ s\_\_\_\_\_ his victory over death with us*. How does that make you feel; impact you? How should you live now because of it? This passage communicates an order of things, what is that order and what are the implications of it?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-44 (The Message (MSG) Paraphrase). Initial thoughts? What are some of the contrasts God through Paul makes between our dead bodies and our resurrection bodies?
4. Though Paul even confesses that his teaching does not take out all the mystery of what happens when we die, we can determine things like this: 1) The corpse is no beauty, but when raised it is glorious. 2) The corpse in the ground is weak, but it raises powerfully. 3) The "seed" is natural, but the "seed" grown is supernatural. 4) Our first body lasts a physical lifetime, but our resurrection body never wears out. What does knowing things such as these result in for you as you face the topic death?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-53 (NIV) & Luke 23:39-43 (NIV). Recap the Two-Step process as presented in the sermon. Will all those who love and follow Christ experience both steps of this Two-Step process, why or why not? What is paradise, especially as compared to the ideology of purgatory?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-58. What has Christ swallowed up in victory and who benefits from his victory? How do we get in on his victory? How do we respond to his victory (hint vs. 58)? How have you been doing, *for real*, at loving and FOLLOWING Jesus?



#### Concluding Question

If comfortable, share the experience of having someone close to you die. What has helped you to process that and realize some healing in the midst of that? What are some things from this sermon that serve to help in such challenging situations?



#### Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



#### Prayer

Pray for those who will be baptized across our campuses this coming Sunday, 4/14/24. The enemy may be launching attacks of doubt or distraction leading up to that. We pray for protection!