# I have a **Q**: What happens when you die?

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#### **REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS**

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- □ I will listen to people of other faiths with love.
- □ I will be curious, ask questions and sincerely want to learn.
- □ I will pray for someone from another faith and simply start a conversation.

## THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

The last question in our series is, "What happens when you die?" Death touches the heart and emotions, our feelings and fears, as deeply as anything in the world, but in this message we're going to cover a lot of information because when it comes to life and death we need something more than to feel comforted. Above all we need truth.

If we aim at trying to feel hope we may end up with wishful thinking, but if we aim at truth we get hope thrown in. So in this message we will trace the history of what happened 2,000 years ago that changed the way we view and understand death.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Pastor Matt asked if you've ever wondered, "Can I love God and still have doubts about stuff?" What doubts do you have about what happens when you die?

2. Pastor Matt asked, "How do you answer questions like, 'Is there meaning and accountability and justice to this life?"

3. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, "He (God) has set eternity in the hearts of men." What does this mean to you?

- 4. Before becoming a Christ follower what did you believe happened to you after you die?
- 5. Christianity is unique among the world's religions in telling us about the resurrection of Christ and those who have died in Christ. What does resurrection mean to you?
- 6. Pastor Matt asked the question "Would you like to wake up and have the world set right? No more hungry children, no more terrorist attacks in the news? No more broken families, no more racism, no more poverty and no more death." How do you feel about these things coming to pass?
- 7. Romans 8:19-21 says, "For the creation waits in eager expectation..in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God." For God to set everything right what does the Bible tell us must happen?
- 8. John 8:52 says, "Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death." What about those who don't obey God's word what will happen to them?

9. Pastor Matt spoke a lot about many misperceptions that people have about heaven. What do you think heaven will be like?

### **NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)**

- □ I will rethink what I believe about Heaven and life after death.
- □ I will allow the resurrection to change the way I view and understand death.
- □ I will read "The Denial of Death" by Ernest Becker.

#### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Psalm 6:4-5
- Ecclesiastes 9:3
- Ecclesiastes 9:10
- Ecclesiastes 12:1
- Ecclesiastes 3:11
- Isaiah 26:19
- Ezekiel 37:1-6

- Romans 8:19-21
- Mark 12:18
- 1 Corinthians 15:20
- 1 Corinthians 15:54-57
- John 8:51
- Luke 19:17
- 1 Corinthians 15:58

### **Prayer Request(s)**

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