



Hey Alexa

Week 3 | What happens when I die? | Pastor Craig Barber

Big Idea

We will all experience death. It's a reality that we cannot escape and one we're not often comfortable talking about. The important reality to consider about death is that in the end, what is on the inside matters much more than what is on the outside.

Let's Talk

1. **A rich man** - This week we looked at two different men with very different lives. We can find ourselves spending time building wealth and investing in things that will not make it past this life. Are you building things that will live beyond you and this current reality? Or, are you invested in the "fine linen" of today?

There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. Luke 16:19 - 21

2. **Eternity** - It can be hard to grasp what eternity really is. Our understanding of time and space can make concepts of eternity feel like something out of a sci-fi movie. What comes to your mind when you think about eternity? Have you thought about existing forever in heaven with Jesus - what does this look like to you?

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. **Do you believe this?**" John 11:25 - 26*

3. **Assurance** - How can we understand or prepare for something that we have not actually experienced? No one living now knows exactly what death is like. We can read John 14:3 to find hope.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. John 14:3

How does hearing the words of Jesus make you feel about death? Are you encouraged to know that He is preparing a place for you to exist with Him forever?

Reflect & Respond

It is normal to ask questions and wonder about things that are bigger than ourselves. Death is something that can feel scary, and that fear might cause us to avoid thinking about the afterlife or just push down our questions and concerns. You can take heart this week knowing that to be absent from our earthly body is to be present with Jesus. Where is heaven? It's where Jesus is!