



- Imagine Heaven Introduction -

ICE-BREAKERS:

- Discuss your thoughts on near-death experiences (NDEs)?
- Have you, or someone you know, had one? If so, share this experience with the group.

DISCUSSION:

1. Why do you think people don't like to think or talk a lot about death?
2. Read John 14:1-6. How does this passage bring us comfort as Christians?
3. Discuss the following interesting points to consider:
 - A surprising number of people have had near-death experiences (1 in 25 in the U.S.).
 - Many of the people sharing these reports have nothing to gain by telling a fanciful story.
 - The medical and scientific evidence is extremely compelling.
4. Discuss the following observations about the credibility of near-death experiences:
 - People come back describing their surroundings while clinically dead.
 - People all over the world are describing very similar experiences.
 - Blind people are describing the same visual aspects as those who have their sight.
5. Why is it important to keep the following truths in mind...?
 - The Bible is the only source of absolute truth.
 - The people having these experiences are not perfect and are interpreting them through their own unique perspective.
 - Most of these people felt like they were still on the outside of the full experience of heaven.
6. Read I Corinthians 2:9 and II Corinthians 12:1-4. Why do you suppose there are certain things about heaven Paul was not permitted to tell?

APPLICATION:

- Commit to read *"Imagine Heaven"* or *"What's After Life?"*