

Life Group Questions — February 21, 2021
Heaven & Hell — The Truth About the Afterlife
Part 2 — What Happens When I Die? (2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Luke 16:19-31)

1. What is the most impactful death that has touched your life? Who was it and why did it impact you so powerfully?

2. We stated that the concept behind death is separation. We divided it into three expressions: physical death, spiritual death and the second death. Physical death is the separation of the soul/spirit from the body. Spiritual death is when a person is spiritually separated from God, not a believer and totally unresponsive to him. Because unbelievers are spiritual dead, they can't understand, appreciate or obey God. All of us who are believers have been born again spiritually by the Holy Spirit (John 3:6) This makes all the difference. Describe what it was like to be spiritually alive and how it changed your life and perspective.

3. Our person has three constituent parts: body, soul and spirit. When a person dies, the soul/spirit leaves the body and goes to heaven to be with God. We are created as physical beings and we do not want to leave our bodies when going to be with the Lord or being "naked." Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-5. Our bodies come sometime later with the resurrection. What do we observe about leaving our bodies behind and being in this intermediate state? How does this challenge what you have thought about heaven?

4. Paul understood the reality and tug on his heart regarding leaving earth and going to be with the Lord. Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-8. What is his struggle? What does Paul add to that dilemma for himself (Philippians 1:21-26)?

5. Read Luke 16:19-31. What amazes you about the account of Lazarus? What lessons can you learn from the account?

6. With the sobering revelation about heaven and hell and our eternal destiny, what impact does this or should this have on our lives?