

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## *What Happens When You Die?*

The Gospel of Mark - Week 58

**ICEBREAKER:** What do you want?

**OVERVIEW:** What happens when you die? It is a question that has been on the minds of people since the beginning of time. Is there life after death, or do we cease to exist? Do we immediately enter God's presence after we die, or do we go into a soul-sleep until the return of Christ? Fortunately the Bible gives us all the information we need on the subject. Today we will go deeper with this topic and learn how to prepare ourselves and those we love for life after death?

1. **Read Mark 12:18-27.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. In the above passage, Jesus said that there will be no marriage in heaven. How does this make you feel about the afterlife?
3. If there is no marriage in heaven, what about things like gender differences, sexuality, and romance — will these things exist in heaven?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-9 and Philippians 1:21-23.
  - a. What happens when you die?
  - b. How does it make you feel knowing that the moment you die you will be in God's presence? How does it affect the way you live?

5. The orthodox interpretation of 2 Corinthians 5:6-9 and Philippians 1:21-23 is that immediately after death believers will have conscious fellowship with God, but without a body. If this is true, how do you explain the several passages that describe death as falling asleep (See 1 Corinthians 15:6, 16-18, 20)?
6. Advocates of soul-extinction (or annihilationism) believe that after death, the souls of unbelievers cease to exist. Their belief is based on the Scriptural teaching of the goodness of God: A good God would not punish people in hell for eternity. How do you respond to this argument (See Matthew 25:31-46)?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:40-44; 51-53. What does this passage teach about the resurrection of the body?
8. Read Philippians 3:20-21. What does this passage teach about the resurrection of the body?
9. How does it make you feel to know that one day Christ will give you a new, glorified body, completely free from sin and its effects? How does it impact the way you live?

**The Last Word:** "These new bodies will be imperishable, that is, they will not wear out, grow old, or ever be subject to sickness or disease. They will show no sign of aging but will instead be completely healthy and strong forever." Wayne Grudem