

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS
SERIES: SO YOU'RE DEAD ... NOW WHAT?
1: IS DEATH THE END?
TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:17-20

1. Are you afraid of dying? If you aren't, was there ever a time in your life when you were afraid of dying? Was there ever a time when you came close to dying? What happened?
2. Do you believe death is "the end" or is there more to come after death? Why is a belief in life after death important for the Christian faith (*1 Corinthians 15:13-14*)?
3. Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross was so important (*1 John 4:10; Romans 5:8*), but what if He had stayed dead (*1 Corinthians 15:17*)? Would His death have any value if He were still dead?
4. Who are those who have "fallen asleep" (*1 Corinthians 15:18*)? Does this refer to taking a snooze or something else? Why are those who are "asleep" doomed if Christ is still dead?
5. Why is hope in Jesus Christ, if limited to this life alone, really no hope at all (*1 Corinthians 15:19*)? Does God want us to live for and hope in something more (*2 Corinthians 4:18; 5:7*)?
6. What difference does Christ's resurrection on that first Easter make (*1 Corinthians 15:20*)? What hope does it give us and those who have died (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-14; John 11:25-26*)?
7. Do you grasp the power of the resurrection of Jesus and what it means? Why should Christ's resurrection make a practical difference in your daily living (*Romans 8:11; Colossians 3:1-2*)?

MEMORY VERSE:

***But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.***
(1 Corinthians 15:20, ESV)