

Bible Study for Life Groups to use as follow-up to this weeks sermon



what happens when we die?

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As I was working on this lesson I heard a thud hit the kitchen window and knew immediately that a bird had hit the glass. In an instant, a beautiful yellow finch came to its death and lay on my patio with its wings spread and neck broken. Have you experienced the death of a loved one or pet in the blink of an eye? How did it change your perspective on life, time, and priorities?

Luke 13:1-9

Read Luke 13:1-5. What is Jesus' main point about the events in these verses? What did the Jews believe about the people who died in these two incidents? How did Jesus correct this thought? Why do bad things happen to good people? Is our sin ever the cause of sickness, suffering and death?

If we all have an appointment with death, what are we to be doing with our life in preparation for our departure from this life to the next? Read the parable in Luke 13:6-9. What are we to produce and how do we live this out?

If we are true believers, we are in the land of the dying, on our way to the land of the living. That is why death is a comma, not a period. ï ñ D. Welsh
What is the Biblical definition of death? Read James 2:26.

How would you refute the statement that when you die your soul sleeps until the resurrection? What did Paul say in 2 Corinthians 5:8 and Philippians 1:23?

Death is a passage. ï For Christians, this life is the only hell they will ever know. For those who reject Christ, this life is the only heaven they will ever know. ï ñ D. Welsh. How does this statement hit you?

APPLICATION

Read Luke 16:19-31 the story of Lazarus and the rich man in preparation for the upcoming sermon series.
Examine the fruit of your life. Are you set apart from the world and wholeheartedly following God?

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