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Study Questions
60 Seconds After You Die?

Life After Death Series

Luke 16:19-31; Rev. 6:9-11

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Opening Discussion

1. What do you know about "near death" experiences? How do you account for the various experiences people seem to have?

2. Do you think it is wise to base your view of life after death on such accounts? Why or why not?

3. Do you think God allows some people to go to heaven or hell and back in order to teach us about such places? Why or why not?

Bible Study

1. What is the basis by which we believe in the resurrection of Jesus? What is the basis by which we believe there will be a literal, physical, bodily resurrection of the dead in the future?

2. Read Luke 16:19-31. List all your observations related to life after death from this text.

3. How does this text inform us regarding whether or not we'll immediately be conscious or in a state of "soul sleep?" Compare with 2 Corinthians 5:8, Phil. 1:23.

4. How does the Luke 16 text address the concept of a purgatory after death?

5. What does Jesus say about people coming back from "the dead" to proclaim the truth concerning life after death? How does this inform our belief concerning near death experiences?

6. Read Rev. 6:9-11. What observations do you make about life after death from this text?

7. Do the believers in "Heaven" seem aware of what is happening on earth? (Compare Heb. 12:1 and Luke 15:7-10). Do angels see what is happening on earth? (I Tim 3:16, I Cor 4:9)

8. According to Rev. 6: 9-11, do the believers in "Heaven" intercede for people on earth? (See also Rev. 5:8)

Application

1. Why does Jesus tell the story of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16? How is knowing there is a life after death supposed to affect our living today?

2. What do you believe it means to live a heavenly value system on earth today?

3. How does it affect you to know believers who have died before you are interceding for you and cheerleading you in your leg of the relay race?

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