

STUDY GUIDE - What Would Jesus Undo? - Wk.4

Key Scriptures: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?'" John 11:25-26

- 1 Corinthians 15:23-26 "But each one in his own order: Christ the first fruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death."
- Hebrews 2:14-15 "Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."
- 1 Corinthians 15:53-55 "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?'"

Start Talking:

Pastor Bobby said, "It was never God's plan for man to die." Think of the many causes of death. Are there any that tempt some people to blame God? Discuss.

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Pastor Bobby said, "Death is God's enemy." How can you live here on earth in an abundant life surrounded by all of the corruption all around you, and within your flesh? What's the solution? Is there one? Discuss.

Discuss the fear of death that haunts many people, even Christians. Why do so many people who know the truth about where they are going still become terrified about dying?

Start Thinking:

Pastor Bobby said, "Parties do not cause us to examine our lives." Share a time when an event caused you to examine your life. What did you learn?

How do you deal with being at a funeral in which people are saying, "He's in a better place", but, from what you've seen, he's probably not?

Start Sharing:

Philippians 1:21-24 reads, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you." Why did Paul "choose" to remain alive? Do you have that same reason? Should we all?

Do you have a loved one who has died whom you'd like to bring back? If they belong to God, would it really be better for them to come back to their family and friends on earth? Does the answer of this question give you comfort?

Start Praying:

"Lord, help me to always comprehend the price that was paid for me through Your death. Make me ever mindful of the life You gave to me for all eternity. Make me like Paul, wanting to go, but needing to stay for the sake of others."

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Start Doing:

Pastor Bobby said, "Are you like Pilate by trying to stay neutral when it comes to judging Jesus?" Do you know anyone who just doesn't want to think about Jesus, and believes that this non-commitment is sufficient? According to Pastor Bobby, what must they learn?

What's the difference between choosing to "do your own thing", and choosing God's will daily for your life? Which goal is truly more important to most people you know?

Read Hebrews 10:28-31. Now, re-read verse 31. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Do you know someone who has no fear of God? After trying to persuade them, what else can you do to save them?

Is the "fear of the Lord" prevalent among church-goers today? Discuss.