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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE, PART 1: 5 MYTHS ABOUT ETERNITY

Almost everyone has an opinion about the afterlife, but so many things people believe about eternity may or may not be true. How do you know whether what you think is true...is true? To kick off the series, we'll cover five commonly held myths about eternity (like everything works out just fine) that it's time to bust.

BIG IDEA: Some of the decisions you make today, last forever.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What beliefs about heaven have you heard (or perhaps held) that you're pretty sure aren't true?
2. Chris said, "*What you believe about death and eternity will determine how you live.*" What does that mean to you?
3. In the message, Chris outlined 5 beliefs he called myths:
 - a. I don't have to think about this
 - b. Nothing happens when you die
 - c. Whatever you believe happens, happens when you die
 - d. Everything works out just fine in the end
 - e. Heaven is a big vacation

Which of the five myths bothers you most? Why? And which (if any) do you wish was true?

4. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read through Revelation 21:1-8.*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. "But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

Revelation 21:1-8 (NLT)

5. What surprises you about that vision of eternity, both positively and negatively?



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6. A lot of people have difficulty imagining that we will actually be resurrected. After all, bodies decay or are cremated. How does 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-44 help you with understanding of what our resurrected bodies will be like?

But someone may ask, "How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?" What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first. And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-44 (NLT)

7. Not all of your decisions will last forever, but some will. Discuss which ones matter and why.

8. In light of what we learned this week, what decisions do you need to make or change?

MOVING FORWARD

This week, re-read the scriptures above, and as you do, ask God to help you better understand the promise of resurrection and the reality that you will live forever.

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