

# Sermon Discussion Questions

Acorns and Oak Trees – Matt Slocum

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 50-55

## AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min
- Thank everyone for coming. Open in prayer – 30 sec
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Icebreaker question – 10-20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min
- Prayer – 20-30 min

## INTRODUCTION

We are continuing our series, What Happens When We Die. This week we are exploring the way we start isn't how we finish. God takes our beginning and matures it into completion. Same but different.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week we were challenged to pick one of these thoughts and to act on it. Share with your group which one you picked and how it went.
  - a. How can you trust that God is just and good?
  - b. How can you lay your heart before God every day?
  - c. How can you share the story of God's grace in your life?
2. What is one thing that stuck with you or challenged you from Matt's message this week?
3. Before this series began, how did you view Heaven and Hell? How has your view or perception changed after this sermon series? Did you have misconceptions?
4. In the sermon, Matt talked about how in society the focus is that we need to help ourselves, through means like self-help books, self-motivation, or the thought that "if you want to do something right, you'll have to do it yourself". Why is this not a biblical belief?
5. Why do you think it is so hard for humans to admit that we are broken and we need God to fix us?

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. Would you rather have 24 hours of darkness or 24 hours of sunlight?
2. If you could live in any country for 1 year, what country would you choose and why?
3. What is your favorite tv show or podcast?

6. God was kind to people and spent time with people who HURT his reputation. Have you ever been in a situation where being kind or spending time with someone HURT your reputation? How did it hurt your reputation?

### **APPLICATION**

Think back on this series. What questions remain about What Happens When We Die? If you still have questions, text them in so that Matt can address some of the lingering questions you may still have.

### **PRAYER (20-30 min)**

Ask for prayer requests. Pray that God will keep us grounded in his word and that we don't make the Bible say things that aren't there. Pray that God will help us live out the lives he has given us in a way that glorifies him.

### **COMING UP**

To join a small group, sign up at [vckceast.com](https://vckceast.com) or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website (<https://vckceast.com>) or on the Facebook page.

Skate Night – 7 August, 4:30-6:30, Liberty Northland Rolladium, \$3 per person.

Child Dedications – 11 September, 9:00 and 11:00. Sign up online. <https://nwckc.com/child-dedications>

Night of Worship – 16 September, 7:00-9:00pm. Oak Park High School.

### **FINAL THOUGHT**

**God is not building a world based on what you deserve.**