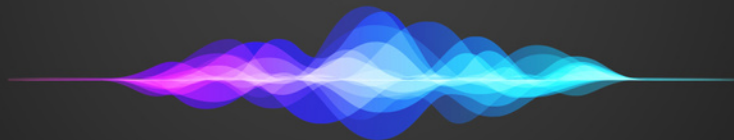


# Hey God...



I have a question

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## TEACHING OVERVIEW

This week Pastor Ken continued in our “Hey God” series with the question “What happens one second after you die?”. He gave us 3 key principles to focus on... One, that death is certain and necessary. Two, that there is only one way to Heaven, and that is through a relationship with Jesus Christ. And three, that for the believer in Christ, to be away from the body is to be with the Lord. He also shared that we each have an incredible opportunity while here on earth to share the love of Jesus Christ with those who do not know Him yet and some great ways we can take some next steps!

## Encouragement

Death is not easily understood or accepted. It's scary for a lot of us and It's painful to experience losing someone you love. Thankfully, we serve a God who is near to the brokenhearted. Pastor Ken mentioned several other religions and beliefs' views of death and how many of them end with a lack of hope. Spend some time discussing with your Group how, as believers, we can cling to hope in these difficult circumstances because of Jesus Christ.

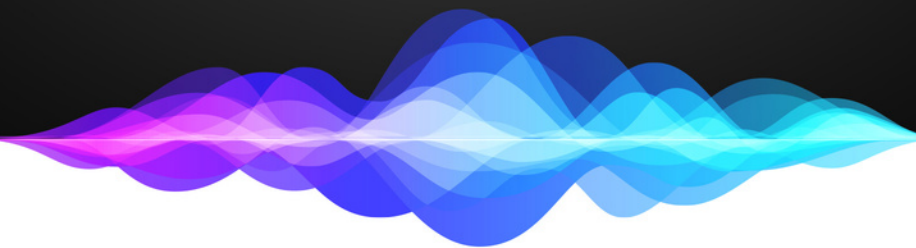
## Scripture & Discussion

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 15:50 & Psalms 116:15

### Discuss

1. Pastor Ken shared a story of his youngest son not being able to have access to the big waterslides at a waterpark one year. He compared this to how, while still in our physical bodies, we cannot access eternal life with Christ. Pastor Ken shared that death is certain and necessary. Spend time talking as a Group about how death can be seen as more than just a tragic experience for those who have lost a loved one. Take time to comfort and encourage one another in this.

2. In the verse in Psalms, the writer explains that the Lord is joyful in the death of believers. This idea of joy in death is quite the opposite of how we experience the death of those we love here on earth. Talk with your Group about how we can draw from the joy of the Lord as we face loss in life, and how we can help other cling to the joy of the Lord in loss as well.



## Scripture & Discussion

**Read:** John 14:1-6

### Discuss

1. In this passage, we see Thomas ask the question, "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" while mentioning the fact that they didn't even know where Jesus was going. Often we can find ourselves in Thomas' shoes here. We get too focused on what we don't know (and feel like we need to know) that we overcomplicate the answer to our question. Spend some time sharing with your Group some times where you found yourself struggling to accept what the Lord was doing/saying to you because you lacked answers. Then take time to process this together and talk through how these situations and instances can lead us into deeper trust with the Lord.

2. Pastor Ken shared that when we are able to accept the grace that God provides us with forgiveness through the sacrifice that Christ made on the cross, we are able to be seen as righteous in the eyes of the Lord. Our forgiveness is based on nothing else, only the sacrifice that has already been poured out for us. Discuss with your Group how this relieves us of the pressure that other religions/beliefs hold about good works and karma. Spend some time talking about the hope that this truth brings to each one of us.

## Prayer

Pastor Ken encouraged us to find people around us to share the love of Christ with who may not yet know Him. This is our opportunity to receive, love, share, and grow together! Spend time as a Group praying for people in your life who don't currently know Jesus. That they would be able to have their own personal experience with Him. Also, spend time praying for each member of the Group to think of a person they could impact as they share the love of Christ this week and that you each would be encouraged and bold enough to take that step. Spend time encouraging one another in that this week as well! We are all on this journey together.

## Next Steps

Pastor Ken shared 3 next steps that each of us can take as we move forward in this journey:

1. To move from head knowledge to real experience. Knowledge does not get us into Heaven, a relationship does.
2. To join community. Finding a safe place to gain godly wisdom and encouragement is so important!
3. To intentionally share the love of Christ with someone who doesn't know Him yet. Provide someone the opportunity to know and experience God!

Our Group's semester is almost ready to kick-off! Check out the Group directory this week and share it with someone you know who may be needing to take this next step: [Group Directory](#).