



COMMUNITY Groups

August 27th, 2017: OUR ULTIMATE HOPE

OPENING

- When you think about the future, what are you most excited about? What are you most nervous about?
- What are some challenges we face when the future doesn't turn out as we hoped? How do those moments help or challenge your hope in God?

DISCUSS & APPLY

When you think about life after death, what do you believe? How does it make you feel?

Read Philippians 3:20-21

- What do you think are some differences between a traditional understanding of going to heaven and the type of resurrection described in these verses?
- What are some good things in life that you enjoy that you would want to enjoy forever?
- What are some ways that eternal life after a resurrection would be better than eternal life with the way things are?

Read John 5:24-29

- According to these verses, who will be resurrected? What are the differences between the two kinds of resurrection?
- According to these verses, what are the three things necessary for attaining eternal life? What is important about each one?
- Jesus says that we will not be judged if we believe in his word. What in your life makes you feel judged? How is it encouraging to you to know that God won't judge you?

FINAL APPLICATION

In your day to day decisions, are you living more for the present or for the future? How would living in light of your future resurrection affect your life?