# "WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?"

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a – For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die.

# Everyone who is born will also die

## ... and then comes judgement.

**Hebrews 9:27** – And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment.

## 1. Everyone must answer the <u>question</u> of <u>Jesus</u>.

- Matthew 16:13b-16 "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
- He is the Son of God.
- He is <u>equal with God</u>.
- He is the <u>only way to God</u>.

# 2. Everyone without Jesus will realize the agony

### of separation.

- 2 Thessalonians 1:7b-9 He will come with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.
- A place of eternal destruction.
- A place of eternal darkness.

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## 3. Everyone with Jesus will see the glory of heaven.

- Revelation 21:3b-4, 23, 25, 27 "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 city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. Its gates will never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there. Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
- A place of eternal <u>celebration</u>.
- A place of eternal <u>connection</u>.

# 4. Everyone must feel the <u>urgency</u> of <u>today</u>.

- **2 Corinthians 6:2b** Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.
- **James 4:14** How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.
- No one is promised tomorrow.

#### Coming soon:

- 1. **Life Group Ministry Fair**: We are better together, in community. Stop by the tables on Main St. today to find the right Life Group for you.
- Connect Class: Ready to find out more about becoming a member at DRC?
  Join us for Connect Class on Sunday, August 17, after the 10:45 am service.
  Lunch and childcare will be provided. Sign up at the Connect Center.
- 3. **Back-to-School Block Party**: DRC Students (6th-12th grade), don't miss the Back-to-School Block Party on Wednesday, August 20, from 6-8 pm.
- 4. **Back-to-School Blessing Bags**: Thank you to everyone who brought in supplies to help us bless our teachers. We will continue collecting supplies through next Sunday, August 17. Stop by the display for more information.