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A F T E R: A New Series on Life Beyond Death

Session 1 - Discussion Guide

Watch:

“What’s After” Discussion Group SESSION 1 Video here: <https://vimeo.com/394799775>.

After watching the video, answer these questions:

1. What has been your view of what happens when we die?
2. Why do you think people often avoid thinking or talking about what’s after life?
3. Does any of the scientific evidence surprise you? Do you find it credible? If it’s true, what difference would that make for you?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:2-4.

What’s the significance of this passage?



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Read 1 Corinthians 15:43-44.

How do these verses give you hope?

Read Philippians 4:7 & Ephesians 3:19.

How are these verses similar to the experience of NDEers (Near Death Experiencers) ?

Read Matthew 12:36-37 & Luke 12: 2-3.

In light of these verses, how does this affect how you live out today? This Week? During this COVID-19 crisis?

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The previous Sunday's sermon and work through the study guide questions here:

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Session 2 - Discussion Guide

Watch:

“What’s After” Discussion Group SESSION 2 Video here: <https://vimeo.com/403915570>

After watching the video, answer these questions:

1. When you think of relationships on earth, or those you want to have, what matters most to you? Why?
2. Why do you think we struggle to love one another on earth as in Heaven?
3. If this is true, that love and relationships last forever, how might that change what we prioritize in our lives today?

Read Luke 16:9.

What’s the significance of this passage?



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Read John 17:21-23.

If eternity with God is about perfect unity, perfect love, perfect communication, how can you reflect, grow, and perfect your character in these ways to become more like Jesus?

Read John 14:1-3 and Matthew 26:29.

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Session 3 - Discussion Guide

Watch:

“What’s After” Discussion Group SESSION 3 Video here: <https://vimeo.com/403902740>

After watching the video, answer these questions:

1. What do you love most about the beauty of the earth? What are the most beautiful places on earth to you?
2. When you think about the beauty and the possibility of a renewed world to come - what do you most hope for or wonder about?
3. If time and travel are not an obstacle in Heaven, what would you love to do or see and with whom?
4. If all we love about earth pales in comparison to Heaven, how might that change how you live now?



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Read Isaiah 6:1-3

What stands out to you in this passage?

Read the following verses and describe them in your own words:

Revelation 7:9 -

Revelation 7:17 -

1 Corinthians 2:9 -

Revelation 21:23-24 -

Revelation 22:1-2 -

Romans 8:20-22 -



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Session 4 - Discussion Guide

Watch:

“What’s After” Discussion Group SESSION 4 Video here: <https://vimeo.com/403886641>

After watching the video, answer these questions:

1. We all grow up with ideas about God, whether raised in a religious home or not. What have been your thoughts of God to this point?
2. NDErs consistently say that God knows and loves you more than anyone on earth, and in God’s presence you’ll never want to leave. If true, how does that affect your perception of God and eternity?
3. What are you most looking forward to, or most fearful of, when you think about seeing God?



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4. How does the thought of God revealing himself through Jesus come across to you?
Why?

5. If there's evidence that God is real and wants to be known, and has revealed himself in a relatable way through Jesus- does that make you want to learn and discover more about him? Why or why not?

Read Matthew 17:2, Revelation 21:23, and John 8:2

What's the significance of Jesus being the "light of the world?"



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Read Acts 22:6-11

Describe in your own words what happens in this passage.

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Session 5 - Discussion Guide

Watch:

"What's After" Discussion Group SESSION 5 Video here: <https://vimeo.com/403893007>

After watching the video, answer these questions:

1. After hearing about the life review, how does that impact you today?
2. When you imagine feeling and experiencing the way you've treated others, both good and bad, how does that motivate you?
3. When you think about all the glory, honor, fame, fortune, exotic vacations, exploration, ecstatic joy of earth - and realize all these rewards are but a shadow of what's to come- what do you look forward to most about Heaven?



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4. What questions or struggles do you wrestle with hearing all this?

Read Matthew 6:1-6 & 16-21

What do you learn about the rewards of God?

Read Matthew 16:27 & Matthew 25:21

What are the things you are faithful with? What are some of the things you are unfaithful with?



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Read Matthew 19:16-21 & Matthew 22:35-40

What's the significance of these passages?

Read Ephesians 2:8-10

How have you experienced God's grace in your life?

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Session 6 - Discussion Guide

Watch:

“What’s After” Discussion Group SESSION 6 Video here: <https://vimeo.com/403875889>

After watching the video, answer these questions:

1. When have you experienced suffering or injustices in your life?
2. Why do you think humans complain about suffering if it’s natural and normal to human existence?
3. If NDErs have heavenly and hellish experiences, how does that affect your beliefs about how people end up at one or the other?



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4. What do you think about the idea that our choice to say “yes” or “no” to God in this life determines whether we will be with or without God in the afterlife?

5. Have you ever cried out to God for forgiveness and guidance? If so, what was the circumstance?

Read Matthew 18:12-14

What does this tell you about God’s will and character?



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Read John 3:16-17

Why did God send Jesus to the world? Why DIDN'T He send Jesus and why is that significant?

Read Romans 10:9-13 and Revelation 5:9

How and why do these passages give you hope?

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