

The Last Things (2 of 7)
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Eschatology is the study of “the last things” in Christian theology. The *eschaton* is about the biblical view of the future, which comes into sharp focus with Jesus and the New Testament. Where is everything going? What happens when we die? And what about heaven, hell, the end times, the second coming, the final judgment, and the resurrection? In this 7-week sermon series, we will explore *The Last Things* and how our knowledge of the future can deepen our trust in God in times of fear and uncertainty, ground us in the Christian hope, and help us to live in light of the last things.

Sermon Title: The Resurrection of Jesus & God’s Good Future

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-58; Romans 8:18-25; Revelation 21:1-5

Sermon Focus: As Christians, we believe that Jesus was crucified and then raised to life in a glorious “spiritual” or “heavenly” body. This event happened in real time in the middle of human history, and we believe that it changed everything. But how? And what does it mean for us in the present and for where things are going in the future? In the second message of our series, Pastor David invites us to consider the significance of the resurrection and how it reveals what God plans to do with all of creation.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Pastor David began by sharing about the Shroud of Turin. Had you heard about this historical artifact before? What are your thoughts? Also, regardless of what a person believes or whether it is authentic or not, does it stir your imagination for what God did when he raised Jesus from the dead and how he will raise us too?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-58. Paul makes it clear that believing in the literal and physical resurrection of Jesus from the dead is essential to the gospel of Jesus and the Christian faith? What are the reasons you hear Paul giving for that?
3. It seems that there were some among the Corinthians who called the resurrection of Jesus into question, either due to their pagan philosophical background and worldview, or from what we would call a “naturalist” perspective. Do you struggle with this central claim and belief? If so, why? If not, share how you process this extraordinary event in your own thinking?
4. One of Paul’s points in 1 Corinthians 15 is that what happened to Jesus will happen someday to all who trust in him for salvation. He says that if the resurrection of Jesus is not true, then we are dead in our sins and we can’t know that God will resurrect us and redeem all of creation. So, God has shown us in real recorded history what he intends to do in the future. Why then do you think so many Christians give little attention to the meaning of the resurrection in our theology, worship, daily lives, at funerals, etc.? And why should we correct this?
5. Pastor David mentioned the field of “physical eschatology” and how science theorizes about the end of all things. What did you think about the quote he shared from Willian Lane Craig? *You may want to go back and look at that slide.*
6. Read Romans 8:18-25. What do you find encouraging about this passage? Paul wants believers to put things into perspective based on where things are going in the future. Also, he clearly believes that our physical bodies and material world are important to God. What implications does this passage have on how we view the earth and everything in it? Based on this passage, how do you think knowing the end of the story ought to impact our living in the present?
7. Read Revelation 21:1-5. How is the Spirit inviting you to live into the reality that Jesus has defeated sin and death and has secured God’s good future for us? Where do you need more peace, joy, and hope in your life? Be honest as you share with your group. And then close in prayer together about these things.