

Conversations with Solomon at The Salt Creek Café Series

Message # 5: What Happens After I Die?

Core Group Discussion Guide

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Message Overview:

- Death is a topic that most people don't want to talk about.
- When people talk about death and dying – they often use terms like: *“passing on”* or *“slipping away”* or *“going to a better place.”*
- Funerals are now called *“a celebration of life service.”* Cemeteries are now known as *“memorial gardens.”*
- Most people would rather talk about the end of life in anything but realistic terms.
- The statistics on people dying are 100 percent. That makes it a relevant subject.
- Solomon speaks honestly about death and dying in words of realism balanced with hope.
- What does Solomon have to say to us about ... ***“What happens after I die?”***

Text: Ecclesiastes 7:1-4, 15 and 2:16; 3:19; 3:22; 8:8; 9:5-6; 11:7-8; 3:11

Questions for Discussion:

- **OPEN IT –**
 - 1. When did you have to face the reality of death for the first time? How did that experience make you feel?**
 - 2. Why do most people have a hard time coming to grips with death?**
- **EXPLORE IT –**
 - 1. What are some ways people try to flee from and escape death?**
 2. Does Solomon teach in Ecclesiastes 7:15 what so many song lyrics say, *“Only the good die young”*?
 3. What does Solomon's teaching in Ecclesiastes teach us about the timing of people's death?
- **GET IT –**
 1. According to Ecclesiastes, as well as the rest of The Bible, why do we all die?
 2. How can contemplating death cause you to enjoy life more?
- **APPLY IT –**
 - 1. How can a proper perspective toward death affect your priorities and values in life?**
 - 2. How does Christ's death and resurrection give you hope in this life and the one to come?**
- Thank God for the hope that Jesus' death and resurrection bring to you.
- **BE SURE TO TAKE TIME TO DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS IN BOLD TYPE.**