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Eternity Changes Everything: Part 2

1. What are some common answers to the question of what happens when we die that you've heard in popular culture or in conversations with others?
2. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross identifies five attitudes toward death, which she observed were often experienced as successive stages of grief: Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, and Acceptance. [1] As you consider your mortality, which stage might you be in?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What does this passage teach us about the return of Christ and the resurrection? How does this affect how you feel about death?
4. Theologians refer to the phase between death and the resurrection as the intermediate state. Read Luke 16:19-31. What does Jesus say (and not say) about the intermediate state in this story? What might His intended message be?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 54-57. What does Paul say will happen to our bodies and to God's creation at the resurrection? Does this challenge your previous understanding of God's plan?
6. How does our hope in Christ's victory over sin and death affect how you live today?
 - a. If you have not yet put your hope in Christ, talk to your group about that, or ask them about their reason for hope.
 - b. If you do hope in His victory, is there something you need to do this week in response to what God is showing you here? Is there someone you need to pray for or talk to about your hope in Christ?

[1] Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, *On Death and Dying* (New York: Macmillan, 1969).