

A New Body

(Insights on 1 Corinthians 15:35-58)

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A Resurrected Body?

1. _____ to our Natural Body.

(1 Corinthians 15:36-38, Luke 24:36-43, Revelation 5:6)

2. _____ from our Natural Body.

(1 Corinthians 15:39-44, Luke 24:31, 36, John 20:19)

- Perishable vs. Imperishable

- Dishonor vs. Glory

- Weakness vs. Power

- Natural vs. Spiritual

3. Our Resurrected body is _____

(1 Corinthians 15:45-49, 15:23)

When will we get our new bodies?

(1 Corinthians 15:50-56, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

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So What?

1. This life is a _____ for the rest of eternity.

2. We give ourselves fully _____

What are you living for?

This weeks discussion guide:

Welcome to “Week 9” of our Small Group Session! We are getting together to pray for one another and study God’s Word. Our last meeting this quarter will be the week of June 19th.

Getting Started:

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. This weekend we spent a lot of time talking about our new bodies we will receive when we enter the Kingdom of God. What has shaped your view of heaven in the past?

Have you ever thought about what we will be like in heaven? If so...What did you think we would be like in heaven, and what helped you come to that conclusion?

2. When it comes to heaven, how would you describe your feelings towards spending eternity in heaven? (Circle any that apply or add your own description.)

Nervous

Excited

Unworthy

Scared

Awestruck

Hopeful

Thankful

Confused

Anxious

Why did you circle the ones you did? Tell your group about what you circled and why.

Digging Deeper:

1. This weekend we heard our life here on earth is like a “job interview” for our role in Heaven. In Philippians 4:17, Paul spoke to the Philippian church about “crediting to their account” how their “job interview” was going. After the message this weekend, it only makes sense to do the same in our lives – take account of how our “job interview” is going. So here’s the question - If you had to stop all that you do for 3 months, what kind of spiritual impact would be missed?

How do the following verses describe what it takes to receive rewards and prepare for our ultimate assignment in Heaven?

Luke 6:27-31

Matthew 10:42

Ephesians 6:5-8

1 Corinthians 9:18-23

Now go back and rate yourself on each of these on a 1 to 5 scale. How are you doing?

2. Rewards in Heaven, serving God and impacting others for eternity, though not easy, gives us as followers of Christ a great sense of purpose, hope, and “stick-to-itiveness.” Yet at times we can get caught in the trap of thinking our “good works”

here on earth are earning our way to Heaven. How might the following verses help us avoid this faulty mindset?

Ephesians 2:8-9

Ephesians 2:10

Ephesians 2:13-14

Ephesians 2:19-21

Matthew 6:1-4

3. This weekend Dave used an analogy with a rope to show how most people on this earth live with their minds focused on the “here and now” but our real focus should be to live in light of eternity. Read Colossians 3:1-17. How does this passage help us to live in light of eternity? What would it practically look like on a day to day basis to live for eternity? How would this impact our decisions regarding: finances, relationships, marriage...?

4. The last several weeks we have talked about Spiritual gifts and then the resurrection. Dave challenged us to give ourselves to God’s work. What areas have you been faithful in giving of yourself to the Lord’s work? Are there any other areas you sense God calling you to serve? What is holding you back?

Wrapping Up:

Based on last week’s message and our discussion, is there any specific application that God might be prompting you to live out?

Take a few moments to take some prayer request and spend some time praying for the other members in your group.