



Message Series: You Asked
Message Title: What Happens After Death?
Teaching Pastor: Angie Frame

Warm-up/Icebreaker: (10 min).

If you could have an endless supply of one food in heaven, what would it be?

Pray: Lord, You are the Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, and Light in the darkness - that is Who You are. And we are so grateful for Who You are, and for Your great love for us. We want to devote this time to You - uninterrupted and undistracted. We fix our eyes on You, the Author and Perfecter of our faith. Thank You in advance for all You are going to do in us and through us as we focus on You. We pray all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Get Started: (20 min.)

"Jesus left physical presence with God the Father—whatever that looks like. He left heaven—wherever that is. And He came here to be with us as a human. At the end of time, the opposite will happen. Jesus will lead us to leave this place, and this reality as humans, to go and be with Him and God the Father, in heaven. Instead of God coming here, we're going there. To be with Him. Or, at least that's one option. The other option is to spend forever without God. With or Without—that is the question. And it's an important question." - Pastor Angie Frame

- Do you know beyond a shadow of a doubt where you will spend eternity - with or without God?

Read John 3:16-18, Romans 10:9-10, and 1 John 5:12-13.

- Based on these verses, how can we have the assurance of eternal life in heaven with God?
- How would you respond to someone who says there are many ways to heaven? Or that if you're basically a good person, you'll go to heaven?

Read John 14:6, Acts 4:12, and Ephesians 2:8-9.

- What would be a strategy to help you strengthen your message of salvation?

Watch and Discuss Video (running time 4:20, 20 minute discussion)

In the follow up video, Pastor Angie talked about a portion of scripture from 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 (which references Isaiah 25:8) that says, *"When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

- What are your thoughts about the fact that Jesus has provided a way for victory over sin and death? How does that impact your daily life?

Reflect and Commit: (20 min.)

“That’s the Jesus who is making decisions about eternity. The Jesus who hears our requests for what we think we need and returns them back to us more abundantly met than we dare to dream. He’s the God who went above and beyond—who left heaven to be with us on earth. He’s the God who went above and beyond—who went to the cross and suffered and died to be with us forever. He’s the God who made a way for us to be with Him. And more than anything else, that’s what He wants. The choice is ours.” - Pastor Angie Frame

- Is there someone you know who has not yet chosen to accept Jesus’ gift of salvation? Stop and pray for this person(s) right now.

Read Revelation 21.

- What stands out to you from this passage of scripture?
- What is one thing you sense God prompting you to do as a result of this discussion?

Gather prayer requests and pray. (5-10 min.)

Pray: Dear Heavenly Father, we are so thankful to know that we can have the assurance of eternity in heaven with you by accepting the gift of salvation through Jesus’ death on the cross. We don’t know what heaven will look like or what we’ll look like, but we know it’s more wonderful than we can imagine and more importantly, we know it’s with You. Thank you that Jesus has given us victory over sin and death and thank You for the hope we have in Him. Let us live our lives in gratitude and share the Good News with others. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.