

What Happens When I Die...

Discussion Guide

Week of May 14, 2023 - **"Eternal Security"**

Scripture verse: John 10:1-18; 27-30

LOOKING BACK:

Our views of heaven and hell are often at least partially shaped by society - the things we've heard discussed by friends and family, philosophical assumptions of prominent people, or how heaven and/or hell are depicted in music, art, or other visual media. It is easier to think there is just nothingness after death, but Scripture clearly tells us differently. How we live on this Earth - including the choices we make - will direct what happens with our lives after death. Having read Scriptural accounts of both heaven and hell, what steps are you taking to draw nearer to Jesus?

Ask one of your group members to pray for your group as you study together today. Ask the Holy Spirit to intervene to help each group member better understand the message through God's Word today.

OPENING QUESTION: When you think of the word "security" what comes to mind? What measures do you take to make sure

you have security, or what assurance do you need to receive to trust something or someone is secure?

LOOKING UP:

Throughout His ministry here on earth, the Pharisees (religious leaders of the day) were the people who consistently tried to undermine Jesus' message of salvation. They were so secure in their status as religious leaders, they were missing the point of Jesus' message and the purpose of his life. If the Pharisees couldn't grasp the truth Jesus shared, how can we know we are secure in our final destination in heaven?

Ask a member of your group to read the passage, and have someone else pray for your time in God's word. Ask the Holy Spirit into your time together; ask him to help bring clarity to the parable and to bring understanding to what Jesus' words mean for our lives today.

Start by reading John 10:1-18, then spend some time together discussing questions 1 and 2 below. Next, read John 10:27-30 and ask question 1 again. After you've spent a few moments in discussion, read the entire passage in another Bible version and proceed to questions 3 and 4 below.

READ THE PASSAGE John 10:1-18, 27-30	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What stood out to you most?2. What was challenging or hard to understand?3. What does this teach us about God?4. What does this teach us about people?	RE-READ THE PASSAGE
Answer the first 2 questions after reading the passage		Read passage again using another Bible translation... then answer the last 2 questions

LOOKING FORWARD:

Wrap your study time with one final prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal to each of us what steps we need to take to ensure we are indeed following the Shepherd.

Jesus clearly tells us there is one way to heaven... through Him. He assures us we have a place in heaven with Him if we listen to his voice.

Does that assurance mean we are unable to make choices that lead us away from an eternity in heaven?

What "voices" are distracting you from following the Shepherd?

If we cannot be "snatched from His or the Father's hands, how do we need to lived today to make sure we are being held in his hands?