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**Life After Death**

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

**Key Truth:** The resurrection of Jesus Christ and the redemption of our bodies means our present life has purpose.

1. Jesus Christ resurrected body is the prototype of our

future body.

A. We will be suited for heaven.

B. It will be a glorified body.

C. It will be a powerful body.

D. It will be spiritual body.

2. In the Rapture we will not all die but we all be changed

to live eternally with God.

A. The resurrection will bring ultimate physical healing.

3. Because we have the victory over sin because our Faith

in Jesus nothing should stop us from fulfilling our

mission.

A. How you live on earth matters.

B. We should give ourselves fully to the work of God, not

just to God.

1. Not everyone will receive a reward.

2. Only what you do for Christ will last.

3. Don’t retreat, stand firm, and be encouraged.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for the future redemption of our bodies, and allow these truths from Scripture to transform the way you live your life in the present.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Rewards in heaven, serving God and impacting others for eternity, though not easy, gives us as followers of Christ a great sense of purpose, and hope. 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?

Matthew 5:14-16

Ephesians 2:8-10

Philippians 1:6

Philippians 3:4-11

Read 1 Corinthians 15:58: Do you ever feel as though your labor is in vain? How can you look to these verses for comfort?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: How does Paul’s words encourage you about the death of a believer. What word does he use to describe those who have died? Why is that significant?