

How to use Talk it Over:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your family/friends turn what God is saying to you into action steps.

Pastor Tim's Main Idea:

Upon death, mankind sleeps in the dust of the ground in an unconscious state until the resurrection day.

Key Questions:

- Describe the first funeral you attended. What memories do you have? How did it affect you?
- Do you have someone that is resting in death until the coming resurrection day when Jesus will awaken them? Talk about him/her.
- Death is certain, so why is it so difficult for many of us to talk about death? Based on what has been shared, do you think death is something to fear?
- Pastor Tim said that we experience Life, Death, Resurrection and Heaven- in that order. What do you think?
- According to I Corinthians 15:51-54, the dead are asleep in the ground, awaiting the resurrection day when they will awaken. Do you look forward to this event? Why or why not?

Next Steps

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?

Daily Bible Readings

Learn more about what God's Word says about the Hereafter by reading and talking over the following Bible passages.

- Day 1: Daniel 12:1-2
- Day 2: John 14:1-3
- Day 3: Luke 23:39-43; John 20:17
- Day 4: 1 Timothy 6:15,16; Romans 6:23
- Day 5: Isaiah 26:19
- Day 6: I Corinthians 15:51-54; 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- Day 7: 1 Corinthians 15:55; Revelation 21:4

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Review:

Dust + Spirit = A Living Soul

Mankind is Mortal

Death is a Sleep

“And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.” Daniel 12:2

Need of a Resurrection

“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.” John 14:1-3

Thief on the Cross

Luke 23:39-43

“Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’” John 20:17

God Only is Immortal

“He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords; who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light.” 1 Timothy 6:15,16

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

Immortality Comes on the Resurrection Day

“Your dead will live; there corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, for your dew is as the dew of the dawn, and the earth will give birth to the departed spirits.” Isaiah 26:19

“Behold, I tell you a mystery we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.... But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, ‘death is swallowed up in victory’” 1 Corinthians 15:51-54

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” 1 Corinthians 15:55

“And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall be no longer any more death, there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4