

WHEN THIS LIFE IS OVER

*Biblical Answers to Questions We All Have About
Death, Heaven and Eternity*

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DIE?

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

Ecclesiastes 12:1–7

Philippians 1:12–26

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COME WITH YOUR QUESTIONS



When this life is over ... what happens next?

Death is real. It can be uncomfortable, confusing and even frightening to talk about. Most of us have questions, but the moments when those questions feel most urgent are often the very moments when they're hardest to ask. Later, we may hesitate because we think we *should* already know the answers.

For the next six weeks, we're making room for those questions.

We'll open God's Word together and explore what Scripture tells us about death, heaven, judgement, resurrection and eternity. When the Bible gives us a clear answer, we'll hold firmly to it. When it doesn't, we'll be honest about that too.

So bring your questions. Bring the ones you've wondered about for years. Bring the ones you've never said out loud. You can place a question in the box at the back of our Sanctuary, contact the church office, message us through Facebook or reach out to Pastor Galligar directly. Pastor intends to address these questions throughout the messages, Bible studies and handouts during the series.

Before We Begin ... There are moments when words, music and Scripture invite us to think beyond the life right in front of us. What do I believe about what comes next? Where does my hope rest when this life is over? What questions am I carrying with me today?

You don't need to have all the answers before you come into God's presence. Come. Listen. Ask. And place your hope in Christ.

Today's Question: *What Happens When I Die?*

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 • Philippians 1:12-26

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Philippians 1:21

Praying For Our Community Following worship today, join us outside as we pray together for the community surrounding Faith—for our neighbors, new families moving into the area and the opportunities God is placing before us to share His love. Afterward, join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

✠ Worship Divine Service One ✠

Opening Prayer

Welcome New Members

Sunday - Bill & Carolyn Claus

Opening Hymn

Abide with Me

LSB 878

(please stand)

Invocation & Confession

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pause for a time of Silent Confession and Reflection

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

✠ Hearing His Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 143:1-8

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C: In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

P: *Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.*

C: For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground;

P: *he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.*

C: Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

P: *I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.*

C: I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

P: *Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails!*

C: Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: *Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.*

C: Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Salutation And Collect Of The Day

P: *The Lord be with you*



And al - so with you.

P: *Let us pray. Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A - men.

(please be seated)

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:12-26

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard

pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message (Sunday)

(please stand)

Sharing God's Peace

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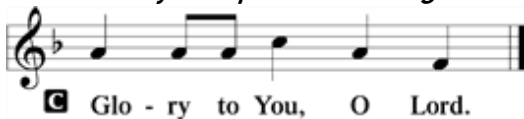
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Holy Gospel

Luke 23:32-43

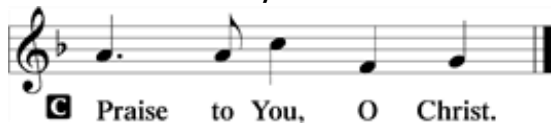
P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.*



Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."* And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, *"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

Hymn Of Praise

I Can Only Imagine
By: MercyMe

Gina Galligar

Sermon

When This Life is Over: What Happens When I Die?

Gathering Of The Offerings

(please stand)

Offertory Hymn

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

Prayers Of The Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive

us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

P: *"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."*

C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: *"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."*

Concluding Collect

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P: *Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: Amen.

Benedicamus

P: *Let us bless the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor † and give you peace.*



(please be seated)

Announcements

Closing Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461

Silent Prayer

Community Prayer Time *Please remain after the closing hymn.*

Following worship, we will gather outside for a brief time of prayer, followed by refreshments and fellowship. All encouraged to stay.

Prayers Of The Church

- ✝ Father God, our troubles are too numerous to count, were we to stack them together they would surely bury us under the weight. And yet, in Your mercy, and Your love, You sent Your only begotten Son, to take away our sin, so that we might be with You to all eternity. Father, we believe, help us in our unbelief. It seems too incredible to be true, that You, the one and only true God, Creator of all that was and is and is to come, would care enough for us to want us at Your side through all the days of eternity. Open our hearts to receive Your love, believe in Your promises and trust fully in Your grace, O Lord our God.
- ✝ Father God, we bring You our prayers and petitions for all those we know and love who are in need of Your healing, comfort and peace. Hear us now as lift up their names in the silence of our hearts.
- ✝ Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in worship at Suncoast Baptist Church and her pastor, Rev. Thomas Couric. Send Your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of Your faithful as they seek a closer walk with You O Lord, Jesus.
- ✝ Father God, let our hearts and voices ring with prayers and petitions to You, Holy Father, Almighty God, for each of the schools in our community. Today we lift up to Your throne of grace, prayers for those learning at the College of Central Florida & Grace Christian School. Bless the students, the teachers, the staff and the parents at these two schools with wisdom, discernment, and joy in You O Lord our God.
- ✝ Jesus Christ, in Your mercy, welcome Norm Bishop into the joy of Your heavenly kingdom. Comfort his wife, family, friends, and all who mourn his passing, and strengthen them with the sure hope of the resurrection and eternal life with You.

In Our Prayers

- † *For healing and restoration:* Joe & Joe (two family members of Donna St. Johns), Kristy Seay, Doug Deuchler, Malinda Claffey, Carla Nicklas, Amanda (niece of June Isselhardt), Hope Peter, Amanda Holthaus, Carolyn Arias, Deb Schmidt, Leigh Fulford, Dee Bright, Ray Bangel, Louie Lott, Bob Holthaus, Dean & Sally Moore, Muriel Hanny,
- † Cindy Rockwell, Henry Striegl, Lois Schick, Jerry Marquette, Bill Engelbrecht, Gina Galligar
- † *For those who worship at home:* Carol Clayton, Harry & Rose Detlefs, Phyllis Jodis, Lois Schick, Dean & Deb Schmidt



Gathered in Worship

37 Last Saturday
78 Last Sunday
115 Total Worship last weekend
9 Children's Sunday School
25 Red Letter Challenge Bible Study
12 The Chosen

Giving at Faith

<i>Week</i>	<i>Giving</i>	<i>Plan</i>	<i>Over/Under</i>
36	7,058	7,000	58
37	7,979	6,000	1,979
38	7,402	5,000	2,402

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Celebrating Together

Happy Birthday

September 29 th	Bethany Segars
September 30 th	Carla Nicklas
September 30 th	Emily Will
October 3 rd	Amanda Holthaus
October 3 rd	Donald Mueller

Flowers Given Today

By: Ken & Carla Nicklas in celebration of their 55th Wedding Anniversary

Prayer & Care Pastor Galligar is available to talk, pray or simply listen—at church, your home or over coffee. Members and non-members are always welcome.

Prayer requests may also be submitted using the yellow prayer cards, at faithlecanto.org/prayer, or by emailing prayer@faithlecanto.org. Requests may be shared or kept confidential. Pastor Galligar: (812) 350-7820. Church Office: (352) 527-3325. You don't have to walk through life's difficult seasons alone.

Fill the Pews Bible Project *From Faith's House to Yours!*

The Bibles in our pews aren't meant to stay inside our church. Fill the Pews is about keeping our pews stocked with Bibles that can also be taken, shared and placed into the hands of someone who needs the hope of God's Word.

Who could you share a Bible with this week? A neighbor, friend, coworker or family member? Take one from the pew and give it away. When a Bible leaves Faith, we'll work together to replace it.

Thanks to a generous initial gift, this project was launched—and another \$500 has now been given toward our \$1,500 goal to keep Bibles available for sharing. \$500 toward our \$1,500 goal!

Take one. Share one. Help us fill another pew.

Could You Serve Once? Sometimes the first step to serving is simply giving something a try. Would you be willing to usher, help in the sound room, assist with children's ministry, count offerings or lend a hand one time to see where you might fit? No long-term commitment. Just a willingness to help.

Talk with Pastor Galligar or contact the church office, and we'll help you find an opportunity to serve.

Second-Mile Giving: Thank You, Faith! *This month, we went the Second Mile for Pregnancy & Family Life Ministries by collecting \$686!*

Thank you for your generous response to this month's *Second-Mile Giving*. Your gifts will help Pregnancy & Family Life Ministries serve women and families in our community with practical support, encouragement and the love of Christ. Thank you for going the *Second Mile*!

If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. — Matthew 5:41



What happens when someone dies? That's a BIG question—and it's one that kids *and* grown-ups ask. Sometimes we think about death because someone we love has died. Sometimes we hear about it at church or see it on TV. And sometimes the question just pops into our heads: What happens after we die?

God doesn't tell us every single detail about what happens after this life. But He does tell us something very important: JESUS SAYS WE WILL BE WITH HIM.

When Jesus was dying on the cross, there was a man beside Him who trusted in Jesus. Jesus told him: **"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."** *Luke 23:43*

Look closely at Jesus' promise. He said *TODAY*. He said *YOU*. And most importantly, He said *WITH ME*. Jesus didn't explain every detail about what would happen next. He gave the man something even better: *His promise*.

The Apostle Paul trusted that same promise. When Paul thought about his own life and death, he knew that either way, he belonged to Jesus. He wrote, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." *Philippians 1:21*

Just a couple of verses later, Paul explains why: he knew that to depart from this life meant to "be with Christ." *Philippians 1:23*

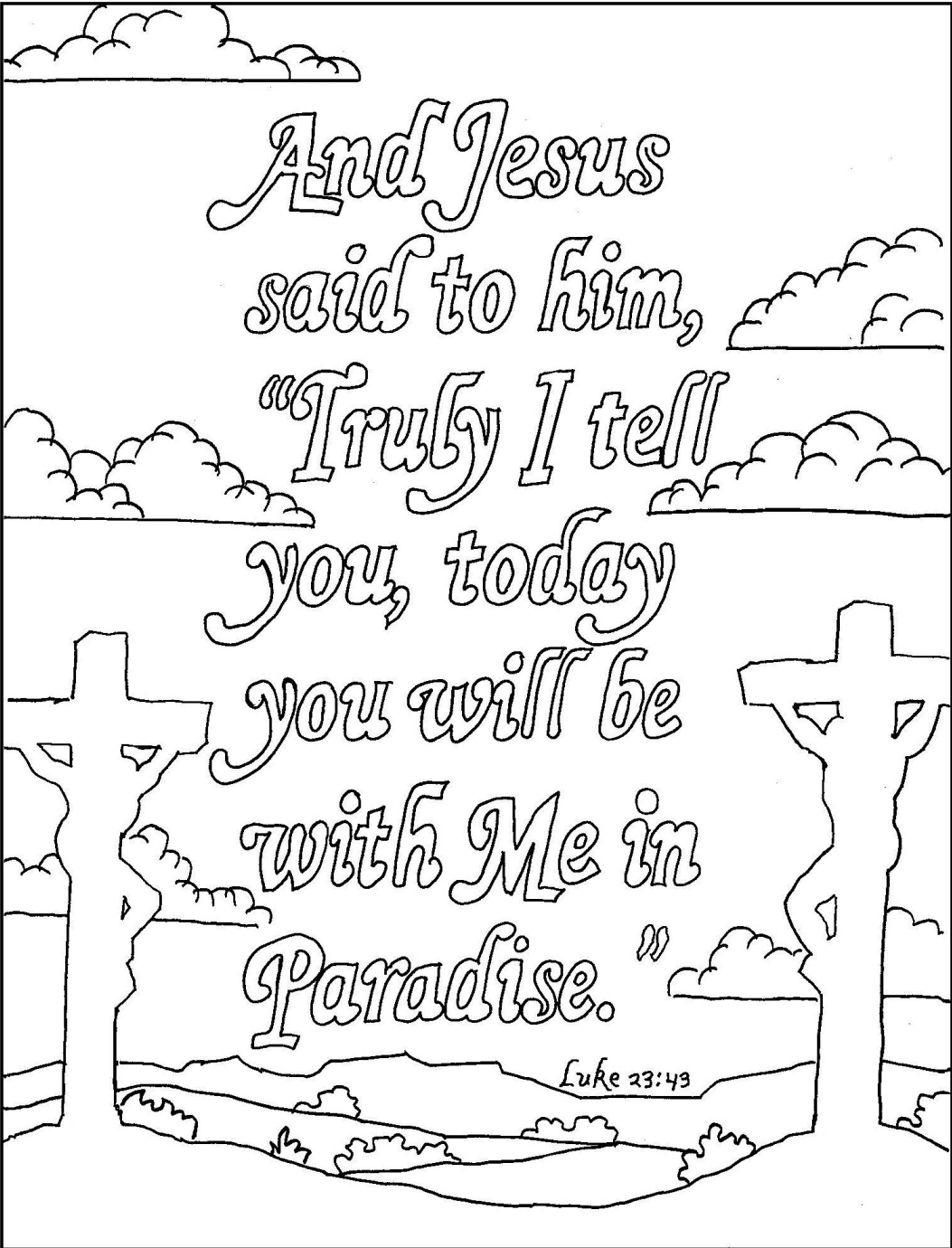
Paul didn't have to know every detail about what came next. He knew Who would be there. And that's the promise we can hold onto too. For someone who belongs to Jesus, death is not the end of the story. We will be with Him.

Let's Pray Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving me and for listening when I have big questions. Sometimes death is hard to understand, and it can make me feel sad, worried or even scared.

Thank You for promising that when we belong to You, we will be with You. Help me remember that I don't have to understand everything. I can trust You and believe what You tell me in the Bible.

When I miss someone who has died, please comfort me. When I feel scared, remind me that You are with me. Help me love You, follow You and trust You every day. Thank You, Jesus, that I belong to You now and forever.

In Your name I pray, Amen.



And Jesus
said to him,
"Truly I tell
you, today
you will be
with Me in
Paradise."

Luke 23:43



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS



September 28th through October 4th

Monday	8:30 AM	Men of Faith Bible Breakfast – Papa J's Diner
	5:00 PM	Red Letter Challenge Bible Study – FH
Wednesday	5:00 PM	The Chosen – FH
Thursday	10:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study – FH Classroom
	1:00 PM	Ukulele Group – Narthex
Friday	9:00 AM	Stitch N' Tie – FH
Saturday	5:00 PM	Worship – Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
	11:00 AM	Red Letter Challenge Bible Study – FH

Men of Faith Breakfast. Fellowship. God's Word. Bible study in 2 Kings 18 – Hezekiah Reigns in Judah. Contact: Alan Benner (515) 240-7905.

Red Letter Challenge Final Week! Join us as we wrap up our Red Letter Challenge Bible Study this week! Bible Study will continue! Beginning next week, we'll keep the same schedule as we dig deeper into each week's *When This Life Is Over* sermon topic, Scripture readings, and the questions you've submitted. Contact Pastor Galligar (812) 350-7820.

Ladies Bible Study Join us Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Delores at (515) 729-1501.

The Chosen Is Back! The Chosen has resumed at Faith! Join us Wednesday at 5:00 PM to watch and discuss the next episode together.

Interested in being part of The Chosen study? This is a great week to come! The group will also be discussing the schedule going forward, and we'd love your input as plans are made for future gatherings. Contact: Barb Feltner at (812) 371-2352.

Ukulele Group – New Time! Join us for an afternoon of music, fellowship and fun. New participants are always welcome! Contact Joy Wilson at (352) 726-0406.

Euchre & Games Join us for an afternoon of fun. All welcome! Contact: Vicki Mueller (810) 434-1975.

***Looking Ahead —** Pastor Appreciation Sunday is October 11th! Join us for a special brunch immediately following Sunday morning worship as we celebrate Pastor Galligar and thank God for his ministry among us.

Plan to bring a favorite brunch dish to share! More details coming soon.



When This Life Is Over ... Don't Just Listen. Dig Deeper. For the next six weeks, we're asking some of the biggest questions of our lives: What happens when I die? Where is heaven? What about judgement? What happens to my body? What will eternity be like? Am I ready?

These aren't questions we want to simply hear about for an hour on Sunday and then set aside. We want to open God's Word, ask the questions we're really wondering about, and grow in our understanding together.

Hear What God's Word Says Each weekend, Pastor Galligar will take one of these questions into Scripture as we seek biblical answers about death, heaven and eternity. Bring your Bible. Follow along. Take the message home with you. And when something makes you wonder ...

Ask Your Questions Please don't let your questions go unanswered. Question cards are available at the back of the sanctuary. Write down whatever you're wondering and place your card in the question box. Pastor Galligar will seek to answer every question submitted. God's Word will be the basis for our answers, with the support of our Lutheran Confessions. Your question may become part of an upcoming sermon, Bible Study discussion or weekly handout. You may also email, text or call Pastor directly using the contact information on the front of this handout. And yes—questions you've been afraid to ask are welcome too.

Take The Conversation Home Pick up your copy of the When This Life Is Over companion booklet. It was created to help you continue exploring these questions beyond worship—giving you another opportunity to read, reflect, return to Scripture and consider what we believe and why. Keep it with your Bible. Bring it back each week. Use it throughout the entire series.

Join The Conversation Beginning next week, our Bible Study becomes an extension of When This Life Is Over. We'll dig deeper into that weekend's sermon question and Scripture, talk through questions submitted by the congregation, and have the time for conversation that simply isn't possible during worship.

SUNDAYS • 11:00 AM | MONDAYS • 5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

You don't have to be a Bible expert. Come with your questions. Come ready to listen. Come ready to learn.

SIX WEEKS. BIG QUESTIONS. GOD'S WORD. Listen. Ask. Read. Study. Grow.
Let's discover together what God's Word says about when this life is over.



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SEPTEMBER 26–27

What Happens When I Die?

Ecclesiastes 12:1–7 • Philippians 1:12–26

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Where Is Heaven?

Isaiah 66:18–23 • Revelation 21:1–5

OCTOBER 10–11

What About Judgment?

Hebrews 10:26–39 • Revelation 20:11–15

OCTOBER 17–18

What Happens to My Body?

Ezekiel 37:1–14 • 1 Corinthians 15:12–22

OCTOBER 24–25

What Will Eternity Be Like?

Isaiah 65:17–25 • 1 Corinthians 15:50–58

OCTOBER 31–NOVEMBER 1

Am I Ready?

Zechariah 12:10–13:1 • Titus 3:1–8



WHAT QUESTION ARE YOU CARRYING?

Write it down. Bring it with you. Put it in the question box.

