

## Group Meeting

### Welcome!

Welcome to Session 10 of *Believe*. If there are any new members in your group take a moment to introduce yourselves to each other. Then spend a couple of minutes sharing insights or questions about this session's personal study. Now start the video!

#### VIDEO TEACHING NOTES

As you watch the video segment for Session 10, use the following outline to record the main points. (The answer key is found at the end of the session.)

- Key Question: What happens \_\_\_\_\_?
- Key Idea: I believe there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus will return to judge all people and to establish his \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom.
- "When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to \_\_\_\_\_ in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal." (2 Kings 2:1)
- When our body exhales its final breath, our spirit exits the body and goes to one of two places— \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- Key Verse: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for you?" (John 14:1-2)
- (Key Application) Live with \_\_\_\_\_ every day, regardless of the circumstances around us. Life can get better here, but even if it doesn't, his home awaits us.
- (Key Application) Love people with freedom and boldness, because our future is \_\_\_\_\_ in him.
- (Key Application) Lead more people into a relationship with Christ, because we want to \_\_\_\_\_ this great hope with others.

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**GETTING STARTED**


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*Begin your discussion by reciting the Key Verse and Key Idea together as a group. On your first attempt, use your notes if you need help. On your second attempt, try to state them completely from memory.*

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**KEY IDEA:** I believe there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus will return to judge all people and to establish his eternal kingdom.

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**GROUP DISCUSSION**


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*As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statements are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging, and why?*

- I believe it is important to share the gospel with my neighbor because Christ has commanded me to do so.
- I believe that people who deliberately reject Jesus Christ as Savior will not inherit eternal life.
- I believe that every person is subject to the judgment of God.
- I believe all people who place their trust in Jesus Christ will spend eternity in heaven.

*Based on your group's dynamics and spiritual maturity, choose the 2–3 questions that will lead to the best discussion of this week's Key Idea.*

1. Describe the moment you became aware of your mortality and pondered what would happen after your death.
  
2. What is it about heaven that brings you hope? What about it is uncertain? What about it brings you freedom?

3. What is it about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus that led you to put your faith in him?

4. How does having a secured future in heaven affect the way you live your life in the present?

*Read 1 Corinthians 15:1–28, 35–58 (see the section "The Resurrection" in Believe) and choose 1–2 questions that will lead to the greatest discussion in your group.*

1. Paul seems to be refuting the teachings of other religious leaders in Corinth who claimed there was no resurrection of the dead. In what ways does this belief clash with the gospel of Jesus Christ?

2. Our belief in eternity gives us hope. How would this change if there were no resurrection of the dead?

3. Why do you think Paul (the author of 1 Corinthians) refers to Christians who have died as "those that have fallen asleep"? How does this reflect his belief in eternity?

**CASE STUDY**

Use the following case study as a model for a real-life situation where you might put this week's Key Idea into practice.

Your neighbor's brother was tragically killed in a recent car accident. Rhonda has always been a great neighbor and good friend. In order to show your condolences, you stop by her house with sympathetic words and a bouquet of flowers. You've never discussed religion before, but this accident has shaken her up. She asks you, "What do you think happens after we die?"

Using the Key Applications of this chapter, how would you answer Rhonda's question? (If needed, refer to your video notes for a reminder of this session's Key Applications.)

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Close your time together with prayer. Share your prayer requests with one another. Ask God to help you put this week's Key Idea into practice.

**JOURNAL**

If your church is doing the *Believe* church-wide campaign, bring this study guide with you to church and use the following space to take notes from the pastor's or teacher's message. If your church provides an outline, consider keeping it with this guide so you will have all of your notes and thoughts from your *Believe* journey in one place.

**VIDEO NOTES ANSWER KEY**

next / eternal / heaven / heaven, hell / place / hope / secure / share