

**JESUS  
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# DEATH

## Important Definitions

**Death:** Death is a \_\_\_\_\_ of bodily life, when there will be a \_\_\_\_\_ of the soul from the body. When a follower of Jesus dies, his body remains on earth, and his soul goes immediately into the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Death in the Bible:

- **2 Corinthians 5.6-8:** We know that while we are at \_\_\_\_\_ we are away from the Lord ... and we would rather be away from the body and at \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Philippians 1.21-23:** My desire is \_\_\_\_\_ for that is far better.
- **Luke 23.42-46:** And [Jesus] said to [the thief], "Truly, I say to you, \_\_\_\_\_ you will be with me in \_\_\_\_\_." ... Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands \_\_\_\_\_!" And having said this he breathed his last.
- **Hebrews 12.23-24:** ... the spirits of the \_\_\_\_\_ ...

## Why does the follower of Jesus have to die?

- It's not because we are \_\_\_\_\_. No way!  
**Romans 8.1**
- It's because we still live in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
**1 Corinthians 15.26**
- It's because God uses our dying to \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Philippians 1.20**
- It's because dying brings me \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Philippians 3.8-10**
- It's because Jesus wants me to \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Acts 20.24**

## How should I, as a follower of Jesus, respond to death?

- To the death of other believers? - With \_\_\_\_\_, yet mixed with joy and \_\_\_\_\_. **Acts 8.2; 1 Thessalonians 4.13; 1 Corinthians 15.56-57**
- To the death of unbelievers? - With \_\_\_\_\_, yet mixed with gratitude and \_\_\_\_\_. **Romans 9.2; 2 Peter 3.9**
- To my own death? - With \_\_\_\_\_ and courage and \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Romans 8.38-39**

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## STUDY QUESTIONS

These questions are meant to be done by yourself or together with a family member or friend, then discussed at your small group during the week.

1. Review the Bible verses about death on your handout. What are some things you learn about death in these verses?
2. Recalling the Sunday study, what do you think makes for a good death for a follower of Jesus?
3. Review the reasons for why the follower of Jesus has to die. Is there anything you would add to this list?
4. How do you feel about your own death? Write out next to the words below why these are appropriate responses to your own death:

Certainty – I can be certain of ...

Courage – I can be courageous because ...

Joy – I can rejoice because ...

**As a group, spend time in prayer asking Jesus to bless this series of studies and bring you to a deeper understanding and appreciation for your salvation in Jesus.**