

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, April 19, 2020



Evidence for the Afterlife

Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26

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Get to Know You

Would you lean more towards being a doubter or believer if someone shared with you their near death experience?

Or, if you want a silly game:

How many Nicolas Cage movies can you name as a group?

Study the Book

Read Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26

How did Pastor Tom relate just seeing the foyer of a large building to near death experiences? Why is this perspective important for this topic?

Read Luke 8:41-42, 49-56 and Mark 5:21-24,35-43

What added details do these passages provide us?

How do these details add to the story? What do they communicate about Jesus?

Jesus raised this girl back to life on this earth, but the New Testament tells us that Jesus is going to raise us up in resurrection glory and bring us into the coming new heaven and new earth that the last chapters of the Bible tell us about. According to John 6:40, how do we become a part of that resurrection?

Have different members of your group share how they would explain to a co-worker or friend what the Bible says about life after life. (Think about it for a few minutes and then have group members respond.)

What questions do you always find yourself asking about heaven? (Write down what questions people have and send your list to mike@hillcrest.church. We will use these questions as we develop content and material the next few weeks.)

Group Application Discussion

Read Ephesians 2:4-10

How does Paul tie together our hope of *future* resurrection with our responsibilities for living *now*?

Personal Reflection and Application

Are you confident in what will happen to you in the afterlife? What do you believe in?

Have no idea? Unsure? Need to talk to someone? Talk with your Life Group leader or contact Pastor Tom (tom@hillcrest.church) or Pastor Mike (mike@hillcrest.church). Talk to someone today.