



LifeGroup Discussion Guide

How to Die - An Introduction

Remember this page is designed to *begin* a discussion with your LifeGroup. It is not comprehensive. Allow the following questions to spur on deeper and fuller conversation, study, and discussion.

Why do you think people are so adverse to speaking about death and dying? As you gauge your answers, see if you can identify if the source comes from (1) our world and culture or (2) from Christ?

In our study we listed 3 ways to challenge our thinking about death and dying. Go around and share how you are tempted to misplace God's "story, stage, & script" with yours? Imagine how an unbeliever views these same 3 spheres?

Our first two points of application both center around the "person of Jesus Christ." Why is it so important to shape our understanding of heaven around Jesus? How are we tempted to misunderstand heaven?

The final application for our study is to "know your role." READ: **Philippians 3:12-21** - as the Apostle Paul envisions eternal life and resurrection, how does he characterize his current situation? Let's examine three features that will help shape our own personal role in this drama.

#1 - READ: **Philippians 3:15-16** - If we have not yet been made perfect, what HAVE we received? Paul has in mind the promise of God and our hope of resurrection. This is what we have already received. How is living according to God's promise expressed in our current "roles" in His drama? READ: **Hebrews 10:35-39** for a helpful perspective.

#2 - READ: **Philippians 3:17** - When it comes to our individuals "roles" are there any features that we should share in common with each other? List out some of the characteristics in Paul's teachings that are to serve as a pattern for all believers in all roles? For help READ: **Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:1-3; & Philippians 4:8-9**

#3 - READ: **Philippians 3:20-21** - A principal characteristic of your "role" will be defined by your goal. Paul has already mentioned "pressing on towards the goal" (3:14), but here we see our current attitude as "eagerly waiting." How are your "roles" in this drama affected by an attitude of "eagerly waiting?" READ: **Romans 8:22-25** for a helpful perspective of this attitude.

Conclude your time by sharing how you hope to embrace your "role" in God's story?