



## Life After Death

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SERIES: *So We Will Be Certain...*

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### CONNECT (5-10 min)

**Leaders Note:** *The purpose of this time is to help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members.*

### GROW – Review the Message Summary (30-45 min)

**Leaders Note:** *The goal of this section is to apply the truth of the message (not teach) so each participant is familiar with the message from Sunday morning. Good facilitators “share the leadership”. If your group has been meeting at least 8-12 weeks you should have an “apprentice”. This would be a good section for your apprentice to facilitate.*

**Read:** Luke 20: 27-40

27 There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, 28 and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. 30 And the second 31 and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. 32 Afterward the woman also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

34 And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, 35 but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, 36 for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. 37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” 39 Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” 40 For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

### Notes...

#### Another Attempt to Trap Jesus (vs 27-33)

- The OPPONENTS are introduced (v 27)
- The question is set up under the AUTHORITY of Moses (v 28)
- The COMPLICATED SCENARIO is given (vs 28-33)

#### Jesus' Answer About Life After Death (vs 34-36)

- Eternity will be DIFFERENT than the PRESENT (vs 34-35)
- The main PURPOSE of marriage is FULFILLED in heaven (v 36)

#### Jesus' COUNTER Argument for Resurrection (vs 37-38)

#### The opposition's RESPONSE (vs 39-40)

**Bottom Line:** Jesus cannot be defeated, and there is hope in the resurrection of the dead!

### For those not yet living a Jesus-centered life

- You cannot intellectually DEFEAT the God who created your MIND

### For those living a Jesus-centered life

- Experience the HOPE of RESURRECTION
- Seek to build the type of HEAVENLY relationships now
- All truth is God's truth, MEET people where they ARE

#### Discussion Questions

1. Start this week off with rereading the passage of scripture and discussing what your major take away was this week.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15 out loud as a group! Then, discuss the implications and application that Paul himself provides for us! How should the resurrection change our perspective on this life, our obedience to Christ, and the hope of the things to come?
3. What came to mind when the second application point was brought up about building heavenly relationships now? Do you seek this community with others? If so, who do you need to welcome into the flock now?
4. Who are you being lead to "meet them where they are" when it comes to Jesus and faith? What opportunities has the lord put in front of you that you need to pursue? Discuss this and pray for these opportunities as a group.

#### Resources on the Resurrection:

1. ---Dr. Gary Habermas proves the resurrection with simply facts  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ay\\_Db4RwZ\\_M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ay_Db4RwZ_M)
2. <http://www.garyhabermas.com/>
3. Debate with atheist <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVb3Xvny8-k>

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILD -PARENT DEDICATION // Sunday, Jan. 21** If you are ready to dedicate yourselves as parents to raise your child to know and love God and train them in a way that fits with their strengths and talents, let us know so we can include you in this service. Write 'DEDICATION' on your communication card or email use at [info@crosspointonline.com](mailto:info@crosspointonline.com)

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS // Monday, Feb. 5 // Timberlake Campus 6:30 pm** If you would like to become a member of Crosspoint Church, or if you would like to know more about the Crosspoint community join us for our membership class. Please use your communication card to let us know you are attending.

**OWN A CAMPUS | OWN A SERVICE** Crosspoint is one church in many locations that is impacting Central VA for the Kingdom of God. You can help us continue to connect with those not yet living Jesus-centered lives by owning a campus and service. We are asking you "own a campus". Attend a campus not for the sake of convenience but for the sake of the kingdom. If you attend the Timberlake campus, own a service - not for the sake of convenience, but for the sake of the kingdom. Get engaged in your campus / service. Volunteer. Get to know others and let others know you. If your campus / service is filling up - move to another one to make room for some who are still far from God! Together we can see God's kingdom expand and many more people move from oppression to "shalom".

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