



Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 35:16-29

Title: What Happens When We Die

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Discussion Starter – What new insights or reminders did you glean from the message “What happens when we die”?

Genesis 35:16-29:

1. Why do you think Jacob was heading to Hebron?
2. What is spiritual/significant/prophetic in the naming of Ben-Oni and Benjamin?
3. What is the significance of Benjamin being born in Bethlehem?
4. How are both of the names Ben-Oni and Benjamin fulfilled in Jesus? Read Isaiah 53:1-5, Matthew 26:63-64 and Hebrews 1:3
5. Why do you think God allowed Rachel to die?
6. How do you reconcile hardships in the life of a believer?
 - a. *Has God ever used a hardship in your life to bring you closer to him?*
7. What might have been the motivation behind Rueben doing the heinous act of sleeping with his father’s concubine, Bilhah?
8. What does this act potentially reveal about his personal walk with Goad and Jacob’s leadership?
9. What are the consequences of this act? Read Genesis 49:3-4

What happens when we die:

10. Why is it that we ponder life after death?
11. Why do think that all civilizations have recordings of beliefs of going somewhere after we die?
12. Read Ecclesiastes 3:10-11: Explain what this passage means in your own words.
 - b. *Why does knowing that eternity is written in all hearts give you encouragement? How can we convey this when witnessing to a non-believer?*
13. Read John 16:8: What does this passage say the Holy Spirit work is to the world of non-believers? Why is this important?
14. Read Daniel 12:2-3, 1 Corinthians 15:38-44 and John 5:28-29: What are some of the significant things these passages reveal to us about what the Bible says about life after death?

Luke 16:19-31:

15. What is significant about Jesus giving us the name of the beggar in this story?
16. Where did non-believers and believers’ souls go after death before Jesus?
17. Where does a believer’s soul go now?
18. Why didn’t a believer’s soul go to heaven before Jesus’ death on the cross?
 - c. *How has this message helped you to have a mindset more focused on eternity?*
 - d. *How has this message encouraged you in your daily walk and attitude towards witnessing to others?*