

Growth Group Questions

In a Moment

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Messy Church 10

March 28, 2010



1. As a teen (or now) who was your favorite super-hero? Why do you think many people love super-heroes?
2. What new insight did you discover in our teaching passage?
3. When Jesus comes back, all creation, including believers' bodies, will be transformed into the most incredible, glorious state (1 Corinthians 15.42-44). See what Paul has to say about this in Romans 8.18-24. What do you look forward to when Jesus redeems your body?
4. Sometimes our study and fascination with the Lord's return ends up being simply something we intellectually hold and argue about, but it doesn't change our lives today. Read and think about 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18. How can we encourage our spouses, family and friends about Jesus' certain return? Talk specifics.
5. Bonus Question: CS Lewis in *The Weight of Glory* writes about some of the implications of our new, glorified, resurrected bodies. Think and talk about his observations:
"It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destinations. It is in the light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and the circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no 'ordinary' people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations -- these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit -- immortal horrors or everlasting splendours."
6. Read 1 Corinthians 15.50-58. Write out a prayer of thanks for the Lord for what the hope of the resurrection means to you. Read these prayers as a way of closing your time together.

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1. Someone is sure to ask: “How can dead bodies be raised again?” 1 Cor. 15.35-44
 - a. God does it all the time: the seed 1 Cor. 15.36-38

 - b. God’s never stumped by some design problem 1 Cor. 15.39-41

 - c. Our new bodies 1 Cor. 15.42-44

 - d. Jesus’ resurrected body and ours 1 Cor. 15.45-50

Continuity and discontinuity

Philippians 3.21, 1 John 3.2, Luke 24.36-43

2. That moment is coming! 1 Cor. 15.51-58
 - a. What happens when believers die before that moment?

*Our body goes into the ground, awaiting that moment;
Our spirit (without a body) goes immediately to be with the Lord Jesus.*

1 Cor. 15.36-37, Luke 23.43, 2 Cor. 5.1-8, Philippians 1.23

 - b. What happens at that moment?

*Believers’ dead bodies are raised from the grave and reunited with their spirits;
Living believers’ bodies are instantly transformed;
We live with Jesus forever!*

1 Cor. 15.51-57, 1 Thessalonians 5.13-18

 - c. What difference does all this make to us today? 1 Cor. 15.58