

TALK IT OVER

SOLVING THE UNIVERSAL PROBLEM

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The greatest fear of every human being is death. All religions are motivated by the need to solve the question of death. Some believe that they will be reincarnated, others believe that upon dying, they will go to a place called Paradise. Death is the only power that controls every human being, and there is no one who can resist or avoid it. We will all have to experience it (**Hebrews 9:27**).

Death derives its power from sin, but because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross on our behalf, the sting of death was removed, and there is no longer any reason to fear (**1 Corinthians 15: 56-57**). When you give your heart to Jesus, and repent of your sins, his blood cleanses them off, and death no longer has power over you! That is why a Christian should never fear death. The day it's time to leave this earth, we will open our eyes to eternity, the best part of our existence! Notice how Paul describes it in **1 Corinthians 2:9**.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think people fear dying so much?
2. Where does Paul find authority to defy and bully death in **1 Corinthians 15:54-55**?
3. Do you believe with all of your heart that eternity in heaven will outdo life on earth?



"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"
- **1 Corinthians 15:54-55 (NLT)**

The resurrection of Jesus was not only a historical fact, but it means a lot for us today. It means that we have full forgiveness of our sins (**Ephesians 1:7**). It means that we don't have to fear death and dying (**John 11:25**). It means that we now have the Holy Spirit (God), living within us (**Acts 1:8**). It means that God will never stop loving us (**Jeremiah 31:3**). Finally, it means that we have an eternal home waiting for us (**1 Corinthians 2:9**).

If you understand and discern how powerful Jesus' resurrection was, you can also look at death, the greatest enemy of the human race, and say just like Paul said: *"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"* Death was swallowed up in Jesus' victory!

Invite participants to open their hearts to Jesus. For those that are already believers, but are still being tormented by fears, minister freedom over them in Jesus' name.

Class # 12

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT STEPS COURSE
MOTHER'S DAY @ JTP

May 2 (9am via Zoom or Live)
May 9 (10am & 12pm)