



Heaven in Black and White
Week 2 Discussion Questions: What Will Our Bodies Be Like?

GETTING STARTED

After catching up with each other, open your time with this:

*The big question this week is, "What will our bodies be like in heaven?" But there are lots of other questions that branch off of that main idea (Will I sleep? Will I have to get my hair cut? Will I need deodorant? Etc.) Take a minute and talk about the specific questions you have on this topic. **Note:** this is not a time to try and answer these questions for each other. Just brainstorm questions together.*

-Pray together to open your Bible study and discussion time.

Designate one person to read 1 Corinthians 15:35-44 out loud, as the group follows along.

1. Paul begins by using the analogy of a seed to answer the question of, "What will our bodies be like?" Does this image of the seed help you understand what Paul is getting at? How so?
2. In verses 42-44, Paul lists out the differences between the body that is "sown" and the body that is "raised." Look at the comparisons that Paul makes. What can we know "in black and white" about what our bodies will be like in heaven?

Designate one person to read 1 Corinthians 15:45-53 out loud, as the group follows along.

3. What particularly stands out to you in these verses? What hope do you see in these verses?
4. For many, verse 52 holds particular meaning. Why do you think we long to be "changed"?

CLOSING QUESTIONS

Designate one person to read 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 out loud, as the group follows along.

5. Remember from last week, there is an "already and not yet" aspect to God's restoring work. Look at these verses in light of the already and not yet paradigm. We have victory through Jesus, but death is still a reality in our lives. How do we grieve and hope at the same time? Have you had experience with this in your life?
6. Why do you think Paul ends this section on resurrection with the encouragement that "your labor in the Lord is not in vain." What does that encouragement mean to you?

-Pray together to close your time.

LOOKING AHEAD

In your anchoring time this week...

- **FOCUS** on the promise that you will bear the image of Jesus' heavenly body! (Philippians 3:20-21)
- **THANK** God for rescuing your body and delivering you through Jesus Christ. (Romans 7:24-25a)
- **CONFESS** the ways you have not honored your own body. (Genesis 1:27 and Romans 12:1)
- **ASK** God to help you imagine the beauty of resurrected life with Him! (Revelation 21:2)

