

Believe

Small Group Guide

Session 10

Video: Play Believe video for Session 10. This is available from your Study Gateway account. Each video is approximately 10-14 minutes.

Key Verse: Read the key verse together. *Do not let your heart be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? (John 14:1-2)*

Key Idea: I believe there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus will return to judge all people to establish his eternal kingdom.

Group Discussion

As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statement are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging, and why?

- I believe it is important to share the gospel because Christ has commanded me to do so.
- I believe that people who deliberately reject Jesus Christ as Savior will not inherit eternal life.
- I believe that every person is subject to the judgment of God.
- I believe all people who place their trust in Jesus Christ will spend eternity in heaven.

Go through the following questions. Feel free to go through all of them or just a few based on your group size and time restraints.

- 1) Describe the moment you became aware of your mortality and pondered what would happen after your death.
- 2) What is it about heaven that brings you hope? What about it is uncertain? What about it brings you freedom?
- 3) What is it about life, death, and resurrection of Jesus that led you to put your faith in him?
- 4) How does having a secured future in heaven affect the way you live your life in the present?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-28, 35-58

- 1) Paul seems to be refuting the teachings of other religious leaders in Corinth who claimed there was no resurrection of the dead. In what ways does this belief clash with the gospel of Jesus Christ?

- 2) Our belief in eternity gives us hope. How would this change if there were no resurrection in the future?

- 3) Why do you think Paul (the author of 1 Corinthians) refers to Christians who have died as “those who have fallen asleep”? How does this reflect his belief in eternity?

Closing Prayer

Close your time together with prayer. Share your prayer requests with one another. Ask God to help you put this week's key idea into practice.