



No More Death

OPENING

- Whose death has had the most profound effect on your life?
- What would you do today if you found out you were going to die tomorrow?

READ REVELATION 21:1-6

- Where will the new world be lived out—on earth or in heaven? (v.2) How does this idea challenge your thoughts of heaven?
- What will it be like living without fear, pain or death and with the continual and direct presence of God?
- In what ways do you experience heaven on earth?

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18; ISAIAH 25:7-8; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:54; JOHN 10:10

- How does John 10:10 compare with the other three passages? How does Jesus' death relate to his promise in v.10?
- In coping with death, disappointment or disgrace, what does the promise of Isaiah 25:7-8 mean to you? When has that promise been made real to you? Or does it seem so distant in its fulfillment that it is not much help to you here and now?
- How does Jesus' resurrection help you to live an abundant life?

MAKING IT REAL

- What would you tell someone who has a terrifying fear of dying?
- Are you living the abundant life that Christ came to give you? If not, why? What one change might you make this week to live more abundantly? How can your small group help?

"Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let him say not merely, 'Christ is risen,' but 'I shall rise.'"
Phillips Brooks

PRAY TOGETHER

Lord, we thank you for the sacrificial gift of your Son, and for the victory and power that come with that precious gift. We know that You hold the keys over death and that Jesus has paved the way for us to have new life in You. We confess our need for You—renew our hearts and minds so that we can have abundant life. May we reflect Your hope and peace to a world that so desperately needs Your presence and healing. In Jesus' name, amen.