

# *Life* AFTER *Life* WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU DIE?

## LESSON 2 // WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?

**Big Idea:** Every person must face the reality that life on earth is temporary and will come to an end. And knowing what will happen at that point—learning about where and how you will spend eternity—is important and wise.

The Bible has a lot to say about this. It tells us that death is the separation of the spirit and soul from your body. At death, we move to a new place. We learn that a place Jesus called “paradise” and the place called heaven are real places with real experiences. Most importantly, God clearly tells us that we decide in this life where we’ll spend the next life.

**2 Corinthians 5:6-8 (NIV)** *Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.*

### Start Talking:

What’s been your best memory of moving to a new “place” in your life (geographically, or maybe a new level of living)? What made the new place special or exciting for you?

### Start Thinking:

**Read Genesis 2:7 and Matthew 10:28.** What does it mean that God made you a “living being” (a “living soul” – Genesis 2:7)? How does this speak to you about the importance of your life and the life of every person?

**Read Luke 16:19-31 and 23:41-43.** What do you learn from these verses about what happens after a person dies?

**Read Hebrews 9:27.** Why is it so important that each of us knows we have an “appointment” with God after we pass from this life?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-8, Philippians 1:21-24 and 1 John 5:13.** What important decisions should you make in this life based on these verses?

### Start Praying:

Pray for the strength and courage to make the right decisions about how you live your life now in light of eternity as revealed in God’s Word.

### Start Doing:

Write out some things you learned from this lesson about what’s most important in your life and what is less important. Based on these insights, write out one thing you can do differently that would matter for eternity.