## 6-Who Needs God? Death & Hope



2 Corinthians 5:1-10, 1 Corinthians 15

- 1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
- 2. What about death makes death so bad?
- 3. Life forever can seem monotonous. What would eternal life need to include to make it wonderful? Does eternal life devoid of relationship sound more like heaven or hell...punishment?
- 4. From the funerals you have attended, which ones gave you hope and which ones left you feeling hopeless. Why? What about them made you feel this way?
- 5. What do you think heaven will be like? Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-5. What does Paul mean by Tent, house, building, and clothing? How does 1 Corinthians 15:47-57 help us understand what he means?
- 6. For Paul heaven, or eternity with God includes physical resurrection. How does this confirm or change what you, or society at large, thinks about heaven?
- 7. Re-read 1 Corinthians 15:54-57. Why was it necessary for Jesus to rise from the dead physically rather than his soul just going up to heaven? What does it mean for our own resurrection? How does this produce hope?
- 8. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14. How do we as Christians grieve? How is it different than those who don't have hope in God through Jesus?
- 9. Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-10. Paul tied our lives here and now to what is to come? Resurrection ties this life with our eternity together. How can you live to please the Lord and gain reward? What would it look like for you right now?
- 9. Pray together.