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INTRODUCTION

Your body is amazing—divinely arranged collections of amino acids, DNA, cells and neurons all working in concert to enable you to experience life. But your body is dying. Each day you are one step closer to your body shutting down. And what then? Will you experience the life that is after this one? Are you fully alive?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read 2 Corinthians 4:6-7. Christians have a treasure, the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ, contained in jars of clay, temporal bodies. Why would we consider this knowledge more valuable than our bodies?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16. How aware are you that your body is dying?
3. Do you feel that you are ready for death? What fears or questions do you have concerning it?
4. People often think that they will enter the second life because they have lived a relatively good life here on earth. If you had to put yourself on a scale, from the worst person in the world, to the best person, where would you fit?
5. Read Romans 3:20-23; 6:23. Why does it not matter where you put yourself on the scale?
6. Read Ephesians 2:1-5. Jesus came not to make bad people good, but to make dead people alive. What difference does that make?
7. How will you live differently this week, knowing that your body is dying, and yet true life is found in Jesus?

THINK ABOUT IT

Meditate on Colossians 1:15-22. All of life was created through and is held together by Jesus Christ. How has the cross of Christ made you alive?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Do you know someone who is not sure what will happen to them after death? What part can you play in helping them embrace the life offered by the cross of Christ?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved, Ephesians 2:4-5