

## Go the Distance

Thinking ahead about death is wise.

*A wise person thinks a lot about death, while a fool thinks only about having a good time. Ecclesiastes 7:4 (NLT)*

You're not really ready to live until you're ready to die.

You only die once.

*We die only once, and then we are judged. Hebrews 9:27 (CEV)*

Death is not the end; there is life beyond this earthly existence.

*He has planted eternity in the human heart. Ecclesiastes 3:11b (NLT)*

With God, life will ultimately triumph over death.

Those who reject God will be eternally separated from the Lord.

*He will punish those who don't know God. He will punish those who don't obey the good news about our Lord Jesus. They will be destroyed forever. They will be shut out of heaven. They will never see the glory of the Lord's strength. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 (NIRV)*

“Hell is nothing but yourself for all eternity.” C. S. Lewis

*In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost. 2 Peter 3:9b (CEV)*

Those who trust Christ will live eternally in God's loving presence in heaven.

“If we really believe what we say we believe—if we really think that home is elsewhere and that this life is a ‘wandering to find home’, why should we not look forward to the arrival?” C. S. Lewis

*God himself will be with them and will be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death, or suffering, or crying, or pain because all the old ways are gone. Revelation 21:3b-4 (NCV)*

Heaven is more than you've ever imagined.

*“No eye has seen, no ear heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9b (NLT)*

What can I do before I die about what will happen after I die?

We can face death with confidence and hope.

*He destroyed death, and through the Good News he showed us the way to have life that cannot be destroyed. 2 Timothy 1:10b (NCV)*

*Talk About It . . .*

1. When was a time that you grieved the death of someone close to you? What was that experience like for you?
2. How comfortable would you say you are thinking about your own death? What do you think of that?
3. What have you been taught about what happens to a person after they die?
4. What do you think of the idea that you're not really ready to live until you're ready to die?
5. What are your beliefs about reincarnation? What do you understand the Bible to teach about it?
6. What do you think of the idea that those who reject God will be eternally separated from the Lord?
7. How do you respond to C. S. Lewis' statement that "Hell is nothing but yourself for all eternity"?
8. If someone were to ask you "How can you believe in a God who sends people to hell?", how would you want to respond?
9. What do you think of the idea that those who trust Christ will live eternally in God's loving presence in heaven?
10. How would you describe your hope for life after death?