

## Discussion Guide

### Section #18: THE RESURRECTION TO ETERNITY

#### Group Question:

1. Right after Jesus' death, the disciples and others who believed in Jesus were afraid and went into hiding. What do you think it would take for them to begin going around the world telling others about Jesus and His plan for the world?

**Leader Information:** They had to believe that Jesus really did come back from the dead.

#### Group Questions:

1. What prophecies were given that describe what Jesus will yet do in the future?
2. What promises did Jesus make, and to whom did He make these promises?

**Leader Information:** Possible responses:

Question 1: You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit comes upon you; Jesus will come back again in the same manner as you saw Him go; Jesus will return to earth as the conquering King and righteous Judge; Christ will reign over all the earth.

Question 2: Jesus said, "Let those who are thirsty come. Let them freely drink the water of life;" "Behold, I come quickly;" "blessed are they who obey My words;" "He that hears My word, and believes on Him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not be condemned; but is passed from death unto life." The promises were made to anyone who is thirsty; He made the promises to anyone who would believe in Him.

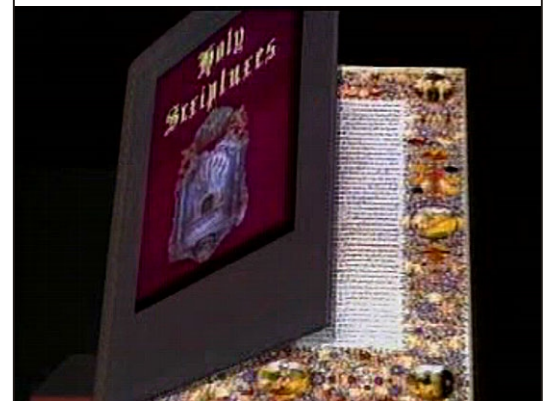
#### Group Questions:

1. How did you feel when you saw that one day in the future God would sit on His throne and judge people?



#### Show the Following Segment from the *God's Story* video:

Begin with "Now after three days" (Burst of light, soldiers fall back)... through... "This is God's Story for You." (closing Bible) total time 7 min 19 sec. Invitation and Prayer take 2 minutes and 41 sec. more. Turn off after boat scene and the address shown in English. Total time of last section is 10 minutes



2. Did you find the conclusion to God's Story moving or encouraging?
3. Are there some sections of this story that you are having difficulty accepting or understanding?

**Leader Information:** These responses should just be personal reactions. You may want to prepare a reaction of your own or share how you felt when you first learned the truth about the resurrection.

**Read this Scripture to the Group:**

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:22).



**Leader Information and Scripture:** You may want to use these verses or others of your choice to finish the last class.

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39).

“If you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:9-10).

**Leader Information:** We suggest that you say something like the following to end this last meeting: “I am so glad that we have had this opportunity to watch this video together. Because we have watched it in many segments, I would just like to give you a quick overview of the gospel and what it means to become a Christian. This section is a little long, so let me read it to you. It is written on your Handout # 4” (Give each person a copy of *Handout #4*. Use either the invitation from the video or the one below).

The video section we just watched included a prayer to receive Christ. That prayer is also written here. Maybe you already prayed the prayer as you watched the video. If so, we would like you to tell us before you leave today. But we also want you to know, that you don't have to pray the prayer in our group. You can pray it whenever you are ready to make this decision. That is why we want to send this sheet home with you.

Since the video said the prayer rather quickly, I would like to read it for you one more time. If you want to become a Christian, repeat each phrase in your heart after I read it aloud (Read the invitation that you selected).

At this point, be very sensitive to the Holy Spirit as to how to direct the group. You might want to give them an open ended questions such as, “Well, any final thoughts on the video or the conclusion we just read?... Any questions?” or “I have enjoyed being with you and hope that we can continue to get to know each other better.”

(Have a plan ready for keeping the group together or providing follow-up) “Would you like to meet again next week? We can talk about...” *or* “How about we meet next week and go out to eat together.”

Make a special effort to talk to each person individually to find out their reaction to the video. This can be after the class or in a phone call. Arrange a personal time to meet with those who have made a decision or still want to discuss their questions.

The group insights below are just for class members to read for themselves on their take-home section.

**Read to the Group:** If you watched this video with a group, they will be able to help you grow in the Lord and teach you how to worship Him. If you watched this video alone and used this discussion guide for self-study please contact this address for more information about finding a Christian group meeting in your area.