

REACHING OUR CITY ONE LIFE AT A TIME IN 2018

1. Pursue ONE unbeliever and become the best friend they've ever had.
2. Reach ONE person every DAY with a random act of kindness.
3. Minister to ONE person every WEEK you attend church.
4. Bring ONE new person to church every MONTH.
5. Lead ONE person to Jesus every YEAR and disciple them.

AFTERLIFE

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DIE?

PART 2: Death Uncovered

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1. We are all appointed to _____.

Hebrews 9:27-28 NLT 27 And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment,²⁸ so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.

2. Death is a _____ for the believer.

Revelations 21:3-4 NLT I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

2 Corinthians 12:3-4 NLT Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know ⁴that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell.

- Going to heaven isn't _____.

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 NLT Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

3. Grief is the _____ of love for those who remain.

John 11:35 NLT Jesus Wept.

- In the midst of death we have to decide: Am I going to run _____ from my faith or run _____ my faith?

4. Death is simply a change of _____.

2 Corinthians 5:6-9 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. ⁷For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

John 14:1-4 NLT Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ²There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.

5. We all will face _____.

2 Corinthians 5:10 NIV For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Revelation 20:15 NLT And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Matthew 6:19-21 NLT Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

- Our deeds do not gain us _____ into heaven but determine our _____ in heaven.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 NLT For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. ¹²Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw.

¹³But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. ¹⁴If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward.

¹⁵But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

6. There are some _____ that we will never answer on this side of heaven.

Deuteronomy 29:29 NIV The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

- Sometimes we wrestle too much over _____ they died rather than rejoicing in _____ they have gone.
- Everyone has questions. Don't allow your questions to become bigger than your _____.

If Heaven Could Speak
By Dean Hawk

Its indescribable! Unimaginable! Human words cannot express,
All the wonders that heaven does possess.

No more sorrow. No more pain.
I simply rest in the power of His Name.

For me life has only just begun.
Nothing can compare to living in the presence of the Son.

It was cool to worship from below,
But what a difference to actually stand in His radiant glow.

My Jesus, what an amazing guy.
His hugs, his love, he's like a well that never runs dry.

This place is filled with so much joy and life,
Not a glimmer of the former earthly strife.

I'm sure some of you down under,
Are unsure about all this unseen wonder.

All I can say is, "If you want to be a part,
You'll trust the leading in your heart."

I've been to see the Father and I snuggled on His lap.
He whispered in my ear, "Before you know it you'll have your family back."

Don't weep or feel sad for me,
I'm free. I'm free... I've never been so free!