

Surprised by Suffering by Dr. R.C. Sproul

Lesson 3 – Suffering: Dying in Faith

Introduction

While all people tend to wonder about the timing and the cause of death, Scripture leads us to ponder the ultimate question—the spiritual state of the person. This session focuses on the only two options available: we either die “in faith” or we die in our sins.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this session you will:

1. Identify reasons people tend to fear death.
2. Consider illustrations of people who faced death.
3. Investigate Scriptures dealing with dying “in faith.”
Suggest appropriate steps to prepare for death.

Quotation

The Judge of all the earth cannot bring forth final justice without a final judgment. He insists that all human beings will be held accountable for their actions. If we are not ultimately accountable, then the only conclusion we can reach is that ultimately we don't count.

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Questions to consider

1. How does your experience and observation support the comparison of facing death with fighting a good fight?
2. If you were to compare life to a long-distance race, how far along the course do you feel you have made it? What difference would it make if you knew the hardest part of the race was behind you? Ahead of you?
3. What do you feel is the hardest thing about enduring the approach of death over a long period of time?
4. If in a group, share experiences you have had in the past week as you have sought to help someone else who is enduring some type of suffering.

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Lesson 3 video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U89A7Qlj1QE>