

## Session 6

### myhope is secure

#### **OPENING QUESTIONS**

? What do you think is the saddest word in the dictionary?

? What is the happiest word?

*Watch DVD episode.*

#### **DISCUSSION**

1. What scene in today's DVD episode did you like the best?

What was it about that scene that struck you?

If you really believed what that scene communicated, how would it or should it impact your life?

2. Have you ever personally experienced the word *hopeless*?

How would you describe it?

How was your hope restored?

3. Why does God allow us times of seeming hopelessness?

4. Kyle names three assurances that come from Jesus rising from the dead.

- a. We can be confident that Jesus will do what He says He will do.
- b. We can be confident in our relationship with God.
- c. We can be confident Jesus will come back for us.

Which of these assurances means the most to you?

What is the most telling evidence for you that Jesus actually did rise from the dead?

5. Read verses 50-58 in 1 Corinthians 15, often called the Resurrection Chapter.

<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.<sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—<sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

<sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.<sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."<sup>55</sup> "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.<sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Look over those words. Paul certainly believed those truths. He

not only suffered for them but was executed for them. How would you like those words, those truths, to impact your everyday life?

## FOR REFLECTION

Read this passage from 1 Corinthians 15 every day this week, first asking Jesus to open your eyes to what He wants you to see. Circle, underline, or write in the margins whatever words, phrases, or thoughts stand out.

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