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Scriptures, Questions, & Assignment

1. What did you learn from your study of 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 this past week?
2. What does sleep – the Bible’s metaphor for death – teach us? Why is this important?

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, 10 (NLT): *The living at least know they will die, but the dead know nothing. They have no further reward, nor are they remembered. Whatever they did in their lifetime – loving, hating, envying – is all long gone. They no longer play a part in anything here on earth ... When you go to the grave, there will be no work or planning or knowledge or wisdom.*
([Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, 10](#), NLT)

Psalms 6:4-5 (NLT): *Return, O Lord, and rescue me. Save me because of your unfailing love. For the dead do not remember you. Who can praise you from the grave?* ([Psalm 6:4-5](#), NLT)

Psalms 115:17 (NLT): *The dead cannot sing praises to the LORD, for they have gone into the silence of the grave.* ([Psalm 115:17](#), NLT)

Acts 2:32-34 (NLT): *“God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God’s right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. For David himself never ascended into heaven ...”* ([Acts 2:32-34](#), NLT)

John 5:28-29 (NLT): *“... The time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God’s Son, and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment.”* (**John 5:28-29**, NLT)

Daniel 12:2 (NIV): *Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.* (**Daniel 12:2**, NIV)

John 11:11-14 (NLT): *“Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up.”*
The disciples said, “Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!” They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died.
So he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead ...” (**John 11:11-14**, NLT)

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NIV): *Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.*
(**1 Thessalonians 4:13**, NIV)

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (NIV): *According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.* (**1 Thessalonians 4:15-17**, NIV)

1 Corinthians 15:21-23 (NLT): *So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.* (**1 Corinthians 15:21-23**, NLT)

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (CSB): *Listen, I am telling you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.*
(**1 Corinthians 15:51-52**, CSB)

John 5:24 (NLT): *“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.”* (**John 5:24**, NLT)

Assignment

Spend a bit of time this week considering [Matthew 7:15-23](#) and [1 John 2:18-29, 4:1-6](#).

- This week, read [Matthew 7:15-23](#) and [1 John 2:18-29, 4:1-6](#) through several times – try reading them in several different translations.
- What do you find comforting in these passages?
- Is there anything about these passages that makes you uncomfortable? Why do you think that is?
- How do these passages help us sort out the differences between a true and a false prophet?
- Based on these passages, what are the characteristics of a true prophet?
- What is the most important message you see in these passages?
- How will what you have learned affect the way you live your life? Why?