

Discussion Guide for Belief that Counts, Part 2

1. Read John 16:27-33 and briefly review the sermon outline

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: We can have peace and courage because our King Jesus overcame sin, death and Satan. All of our worst enemies are defeated.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

- What culminating event is described in vs. 51-53?
- What do vs. 54-57 tell us about the defeat of death?
- What is the fear invoking relationship between death, sin and the law in v.56?
- How did Jesus remove the "sting" of death?
- Who has victory over sin and death in v. 57?
- Are you afraid of death? If so, what aspects and why?
- From what particular fears does Jesus' victory over sin and death free you?
- How does God want us to respond to our victory through Jesus in v. 58?
- How does death being "swallowed up in victory" cause you to be "steadfast and immovable" in your faith?
- How does death being "swallowed up in victory" motivate you to "abound in the work of the Lord"?
- How does death being "swallowed up in victory" assure you that your "labor is not in vain"?

Read Hebrews 2:9-15

- Who did Jesus destroy in vs. 14-15?
- What is the result for us?
- How does this knowledge empower us in our fight against the forces of darkness?