

Death of a King

Death had the last word because death was the consequence of sin—but not anymore. Jesus, God's final King, crushed both sin and death and invites us to reign in life through him.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How have your views of death and what happens when we die evolved over the course of your life?
- 2. Is the notion that death is a consequence of sin new to you?
- 3. What are some ways people try to "make peace" with death—without faith?
- 4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-55 aloud.

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."

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

What do you think Paul meant by "death has been swallowed up in victory"? How would you describe his tone?

5. Respond to this: "Regarding death, we're like children standing on the side of the pool, afraid to jump. In spite of our parent's assurance that there's nothing to fear."