

Take Spiritual Conversations to the Next Level!

We are very excited to release our original six-part discussion series talking about NDEs and the afterlife! Now, how best to use this tool?

The *Whats After ATX* campaign is structured around an ever increasing depth of experience. Ideally, we begin to talk to some unchurched person we know with a simple, “What do you make of this?” Perhaps we hand them the What’s After Life? booklet or share a video from the website.

As people show interest, we move to the next level — a meet up or discussion group at home, conference room at lunch, or favorite coffee spot. Pop out your computer or fire up the smart TV and extend the journey from mere curiosity around near death experiences into what the stories and data mean.

Please consider viewing this curriculum with your staff and lay leaders. Their experience and enthusiasm will be contagious to your church getting more people to use the booklets and discussion series!

Some FAQs about this series:

- 1. When should I form my group?** Anytime you think you have one or more people to begin the journey. We recommend before Easter (April 12) so you have an opportunity at some point during the discussion series to invite your group to hear a sermon series on the topic.
- 2. What training do I need to do this?** None. Press play. Be in the conversation. The series will raise many questions and your group may wish to pursue ideas you don’t have answers for. Keep it honest, write those down and send us questions at whatsafteratx@gmail.com. Someone will reply to you within 48 hours. Do be a good facilitator. Try not to let anyone dominate. Give everyone a chance to weigh in. Respect people’s time. Maybe bring cookies!
- 3. How long should my group go?** You could meet six days in a row, six weeks, or just keep meeting if the group is excited about the topic. We’ve only created six sessions.

- 4. What if someone has a strange take on NDEs and doesn't seem open to the point of view offered in the series?** We can never strong arm or argue someone out of their beliefs. Pray for the people in your group. Respect disagreement and move forward. It may be that someone isn't authentically challenged in their beliefs until week 5 or 6. Everyone is on a journey.

- 5. The series raises questions it doesn't always answer completely. What should I do?** It wasn't possible to exhaust all the answers for the topics raised in this series. John Burke took 30 years of researching to write his book. When conversation goes beyond your knowledge base, take notes, use our Gmail. Don't forget to have copies of the booklet to pass out or maybe you will want to have the full length *Imagine Heaven* as a reference along with a Bible!

If you have an exciting story to share of your experience, please tell us at info@christtogethergreateraustin.com.

REMINDER: Please let us know when you are beginning your sermon series. We will be sharing that information city-wide to boost interest and attendance at your church. Give us the dates at: info@christtogethergreateraustin.com

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