

# Surprised by Eternity

## Hope Beyond the Grave

### *2 Corinthians 5:1–10*

**Big Idea:** Be confident that at death, God's not done!

### Opening Icebreaker

- Have you ever experienced something you thought was over—only to discover there was more?
- Why do people feel that death might not be the end?

### Observation: What Does the Text Say?

1. How does Paul describe our present body?
2. What contrast is made with what is to come?
3. What emotions are described in verses 2–4?
4. What is the 'guarantee' in verse 5?
5. What is the relationship between body and Lord?
6. What principle is given in verse 7?
7. What goal is stated in verse 9?
8. What future event is described in verse 10?

### Interpretation: What Does the Text Mean?

#### Confidence in a Resurrection Body

9. Why is the body called a 'tent'?
10. What does the 'building from God' mean?
11. What does it mean to 'groan'?
12. Why prefer being clothed?
13. What does 'swallowed up by life' mean?

14. What is the Spirit's role as a guarantee?

### **Confidence in the Presence of Jesus**

15. What does 'away from the Lord' mean?

16. What does it mean to live by faith?

17. Why is Paul confident about death?

18. How does this challenge fear?

19. What makes being with Christ better?

### **Confidence in Future Judgment**

20. What is the believer's goal?

21. What is the judgment seat?

22. How is it different from condemnation?

23. Why do all appear before Christ?

24. How should this shape life now?

## **Application: How Should This Change Us?**

25. Which truth gives you most confidence?

26. How would life change if you believed God is not done?

27. Where do you 'groan' in life?

28. How does resurrection hope help?

29. What does living by faith look like?

30. Where do you rely on sight?

31. What does it mean to please Him daily?

32. What would you do differently this week?

33. How does this deepen salvation understanding?

34. Who needs to hear this hope?

## **Closing Reflection**

- What truth will you hold onto this week?

- How can the group encourage one another?

## **Closing Prayer**

Pray for confidence, faith, eternal perspective, and boldness to share hope.