

Supplemental Content

Beach Party Option

Pack Your Cooler for this Optional Opening Activity:

- Paper
- Pens

Read some of the humorous or famous epitaphs below. Then pass out paper and pens and ask the students to take a few moments to reflect on and write out what they want written on their tombstone. After they are finished, ask for volunteers to share what they put down and why.

From a dentist's tombstone in Edinburgh, Scotland:

*Stranger tread
This ground with gravity.
Dentist Brown
Is filling his last cavity.*

From Enosburg Falls, Vermont:

*In memory of Anna Hopewell
Here lies the body of our Anna
Done to death by a banana
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low
But the skin of the thing that made her go.*

From Boot Hill Cemetery, Tombstone, Arizona:

*Here lies Lester Moore.
Four slugs
From a forty-four.
No Les
No More.*

From Colorado:

*He was young
He was fair
But the Injuns
Raised his hair¹*

From the tombstone of Mel Blanc:

"That's All Folks"



From the tomb of Alexander the Great:
*A tomb now suffices for him
whom the world was not enough*

From the tombstone of Robin Hood:
*Here underneath this little stone
Lies Robert, Earl of Huntingdon.
No archer was as he so good,
And people called him Robin Hood.
Such an outlaw as he, and his men,
Will England never see again.*²

¹"Funny Stones to Tickle Your Funny Bones," <http://www.webpanda.com/ponder/epitaphs.htm>. Used by permission.

²Eulogy, "Famous and Unusual Epitaphs," <http://www.eulogyspeech.net/famous-epitaphs/>. Used by permission.

Additional Discussion Questions

Catch the Wave Additional Discussion Questions. After the video,

Ask

- Which of the three basic possibilities of afterlife concepts do you believe in? (extinction, reincarnation, resurrection)
- What logical and physical proof have you come across for extinction and/or reincarnation?
- Do you think extinction and reincarnation were made up by people because they are uncomfortable with idea of heaven and hell? Why or why not?
- What logical/physical proof is there for resurrection from the dead?

Music/Media Option

Show the students clips from the film *What Dreams May Come* that portray death [11:45-14:30], heaven [24:25-28:10] and hell [61:40-62:38] in striking terms.

Supplemental Bible Verses

Encourage students to read more Scripture passages after the session. Recommend they check out verses such as these:

- Luke 17:26-27
- 2 Peter 3:3-7
- 2 Peter 3:10
- 2 Peter 3:11-13
- Romans 14:10-12
- 2 Corinthians 5:10

Background/Resources

- *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn
- *The Glory of Heaven* by John MacArthur
- *The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell
- "What does the Bible say about reincarnation?" at [gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org)
<http://www.gotquestions.org/reincarnation.html>

Parent Newsletter and Activities

Dare 2 Share Ministries strongly believes in involving parents in the *Maui* series. We encourage you to use the following newsletter to help your parents stay informed and engaged. The newsletter is designed to be sent prior to the meeting in which you will watch the corresponding episode because it summarizes what's coming up and provides parent/teen activity ideas or discussion questions. Feel free to reproduce this letter for use in your youth ministry in either paper or email format.



Dear Parents,

This week we will be watching *GOSPEL Journey Maui* episode 7, *What happens after we die?* During our discussion time, we'll be exploring the most widely accepted possibilities of extinction, reincarnation, and resurrection. The main point of our lesson time will be that Jesus' resurrection from the dead, combined with the Judgment Day passage in Revelation 20:11-15, teaches that all people will one day be resurrected from the dead to face judgment and then their eternal destiny in either heaven or hell.

Here are a few suggested parent/teen activities you might consider using as a springboard to deeper spiritual conversation on this challenging topic:

- Visit a cemetery and read the various epitaphs. Talk about how you would like to be remembered and how that might play into what happens on Judgment Day.
- Take the 'what age will you die' quiz found at this website:
<http://www.blogthings.com/whatagewillyoudiequiz/>.
Talk about how this can change your perspective on life and Judgment Day.

Engaging your teen in spiritual conversation will help them work through questions they may have and will help to ground them in their Christian faith. So set aside some time this week to explore a topic we all wrestle with from time to time.

Your youth leader,



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