

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of May 22-28, 2022

“#YOLO”

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## GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What do you think will people remember you for? Does it matter?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Hebrews 9:27

1. What comes to mind when you read the phrase, “appointed time”? How does the attitude of a Christian and a non-Christian differ when it comes to the reality of death? What attribute/character of God do we see in this text?
2. People today live under the impression that life must be lived for the here and now — with no consideration for future consequences or rewards. Does the mindset of “eat, drink and be merry” manifest in your life? How can we embody “You Only Live Once” in a biblical sense?
3. Living the worldly #YOLO life often results in difficult outcomes. How can our poor decisions actually be invitations to lean on Jesus all the more?
4. Woody Allen summarized many unbelievers’ view of death: “I’m not afraid to die; I just don’t want to be there when it happens.” When was the last time someone you knew or was close to you passed away? Share the thoughts that had at that time. Were they filled with hope? Or were they that of despair?
5. #YOLO and the Bible are both calling us to view the reality that one day we will die. Since our lives were given to us by God, how do we make it matter for his glory? Read Psalm 90:12,16-17 as you reflect on your answer.
6. For the believer, death is not the end but a continuation of life in the presence of God. Do you ever look forward to “being in the presence of God?” What are the things in your life today that keeps you “earthbound”? How does Philippians 1:21 challenge you?

7. The apostle James says that our lives are “just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away” (cf James 4:13-15). How then should we view and live with the opportunities that we are given? (See also Ephesians 5:15-17.)

## 8. NEXT STEPS

*“You Only Live Once. Don’t waste your life on the pleasures of this world. Live your life for Jesus.”*

- I will glorify God with the days he has given me.
- I will meditate on Hebrews 9:27 and be reminded of how precious my days are.
- I will be careful with my walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of my time, because the days are evil. - Ephesians 5:15
- I will remind myself that death is not to be feared nor dreaded because the God of my life, is also the God of my death.
- I will share the gospel to my friends and loved ones.

*Don’t forget to:*

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God’s Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God’s intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

## CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Ask the Lord to help you to live for Christ and not be earthbound in focus.
- Take the time to pray for the country, for peace, and for God to work out his sovereign will, with the results of the elections.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through tough times.

## BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

May 23	Matthew 24
May 24	Colossians 1:9-14
May 25	Psalms 90
May 26	Revelations 6
May 27	Luke 9:23-27
May 28	Hebrews 9:27-10:18
May 29	1 Corinthians 15:50-58