

Points to Ponder
Sunday, October 11, 2020
We Believe. Exploring Our Statement of Faith.
Statement #9

With a friend, your family or in your small group, discuss the following questions.

1. Discuss with your group what you have been taught in the church about “eschatology” or end times. Has what you believe about end times changed over the years? What has caused that change?
2. What does Jesus’ “second coming” mean to you? What does it mean for our world? Why does Jesus need to come again?
3. What do you think happens when you die? What does “life after death”, mean to you? What is the “resurrection of the dead” and why does noted New Testament Scholar N. T. Wright refer to it as, “life after, life after death”?
4. Why do you think “judgment” is an unsavory concept in our world today? Have you ever been judged by someone? Describe how it made you feel. Why is the judgment of God a good thing for humanity and our world? What is the purpose of God’s judgment?
5. What does the concept of “hell” mean to you? Why is it relevant to the Christian faith?
6. What is your idea of heaven? How were Jesus’ miracles a foretaste of what our eternal future with him would be like?
7. Unpack this statement as a group, *To be saved does not mean “going to heaven” some geographic transition out there somewhere but “being raised to life in God’s new heaven and new earth”.*

Prayer and Action Item

Pray for one another out of the key points that were discussed. Invite God to give you a greater understand of what you believe and why you believe it. Read through statement # 9 of what North Park believes as a church and ask God to give you clarity and faith to hold this statement as your belief as well.

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Jesus Christ will return, bringing about the resurrection of the dead, the judgment of all people, and the consummation of God’s glorious eternal kingdom

Review the entire North Park Statement of Faith found on our church web site.