



## Hosting A Group Discussion

### **What's a "What's After ATX?" discussion group?**

A "What's After ATX?" discussion group is a safe place to come together with others to get curious and discuss questions around life after death. During the six weeks together, the group will watch a short video during each gathering and then explore near-death experiences and life after death.

### **I'd like to host a group. Can you tell me how?**

We're glad you're interested! You can simply host a group on your own by inviting people to join in your discussion and we will provide you the discussion videos and questions. Given our current situation, we are hosting these discussions online using ZOOM. We can help you use this tool. Just sign up on our webpage so we can begin partnering with you!

### **When should I begin?**

Today! Pray and sign up at [www.hcbc.com/whats-after-atx](http://www.hcbc.com/whats-after-atx) so we can partner with you. We will provide everything you need to get started! The sermon series will run May 3 through June 7, 2020 at Hill Country ([www.hcbc.com](http://www.hcbc.com)) but you can run your discussion groups at any time and access these messages On Demand any time after their air date.

### **What if someone in my discussion group has questions I can't answer?**

It's perfectly fine to not have all the answers, as none of us do! An appropriate response is something like "That's a great question. I don't have an answer for you, but I know my pastor will be speaking about these topics this Sunday and its online. Please join me and we can learn together."

### **I don't know anything about near-death experiences or know very much about the Bible. Can I still be involved?**

Absolutely. We believe the questions and curiosity about life after death resonates

with most all of us. You're welcome here. We have no doubt that stepping out in faith will supercharge your spiritual growth, but we want you to be convinced this is something God is leading you into. As you step out in faith, you'll gain the ability to see God working in your life and you will plant the seeds of spiritual growth in the people God has placed in your spheres of influence. We're excited to see how God grows you and others in this journey!

### **What is available online for me to learn more?**

You can learn more about near death experiences by reading the *What's After Life?* book by John Burke and watching the videos at [www.whatsafteratx.org](http://www.whatsafteratx.org). You can also attend a Sunday service between May 3 and June 7 at Hill Country ([www.hcbc.com](http://www.hcbc.com)).

### **Where can I buy a book?**

You can find the link to purchasing the "What's After Life?" book at [www.hcbc.com/whats-after-atx](http://www.hcbc.com/whats-after-atx).

### **Where can I see the discussion videos?**

You can access the videos at [www.hcbc.com/whats-after-atx-discussion-videos/](http://www.hcbc.com/whats-after-atx-discussion-videos/).

### **Where can I see the other near death experience videos and stories?**

You can see the stories, videos and common threads at [www.whatsafteratx.org](http://www.whatsafteratx.org).

**I'm not sure how to ask someone to read the book. Can you make some suggestions?** We believe that most people have an innate curiosity and longing to understand what happens after we die. The 80-page *What's After Life?* book explores life after death in a very intriguing, thought-provoking way, making it easily sharable.

First read the *What's After Life?* book and find what interests you. Then share it with others. Here are a few ways to share it:

- I just read such an interesting book with stories about near-death experiences, where people were clinically dead and came back to life. What they experienced is fascinating. I read the whole book in just 90 minutes and I really think you'd enjoy it. Try reading the first few stories, and if you're not drawn in, simply pass it on to someone else.
- Do you ever think about life after death? I have, but it's hard to imagine what it might be like. But this book I just read really intrigued me and I read it in one 90-minute sitting. I couldn't put it down. I think you'd enjoy it, too. Let me know what you think!

**I'm not sure how to ask someone to join my discussion. Can you make some suggestions?** Pray first! Ask God to show you who to include in a discussion and for Him to soften their heart to the invitation. We have no doubt that stepping out in faith will supercharge your spiritual growth, but we want you to be convinced this is something God is leading you into. As you step out in faith, you'll gain the

ability to see God working in your life and you will plant the seeds of spiritual growth in the people God has placed in your spheres of influence. We're excited to see how God grows you and others in this journey! *Glance through the ideas below to determine your next step:*

- **Text or call the individual to schedule a time to catch up.** During your catch up conversation, let them know about something you've found interesting in regard to What's After ATX and then let them know you'd love to have them join your online discussion group. You could share that it could be a wonderful way to stay connected while sheltering at home while engaging in an interesting and unique conversation about near death experiences based on the videos and science behind the videos in a safe environment.
- **Use your Facebook, Instagram or Nextdoor social media tool to cast a wide net and see who Jesus provides.** Here is a sample copy: "My wife, Jessica, and I are going to be hosting a virtual book club to talk about this powerful little book called "What's After Life?" It's an amazing compilation of people who have had near death experiences. These are people who were clinically dead, and then came back to life, some after more than an hour! We have several copies of the book and also access to the audio book (free!) if you'd like to participate. We're happy to bring the copy by to your door. You can watch this video if you want to learn more: <https://vimeo.com/339346142>. We'll be hosting a low key conversation on Zoom every Monday from 8p-9p for the next six weeks. I'll shoot you zoom info if you want to join us! Let me know and we'll work out the details! Looking forward to talk with you soon!

### **I've just heard about this. Is it too late for me to get involved?**

We're glad you're here. It's not too late. Join us at [www.hcbc.com](http://www.hcbc.com). Discussion groups are starting before the message series, during the series and even after the series has concluded.

### **I have more questions that are not answered here. What should I do?**

We're here for you and we welcome your questions. Please contact us at [whatsafter@hcbc.com](mailto:whatsafter@hcbc.com).