



Outline for Sabbath School Teachers with ideas for group discussion inspired by the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.

Lesson No. 09 **19 - 25 November 2022**

Title: **Contrary Passages?**

Let's Share the Word

Key Texts: ***Luke 16:19–31; Luke 23:43; John 20:17; Philippians 1:21–24; 1 Peter 3:13–20; Revelation 6:9–11.***

Themes to Explore

- Take note that these texts, which seem to present ideas in contrast to what has been said in previous lessons, must however teach us something important.
- These are texts that challenge our understanding of life and what happens after death.
- The fundamental truth on which everything must be built, and in the light of which all must be evaluated, is the resurrection.

Pastoral Group Objectives

1. Examine the seemingly contrasting texts proposed and study solutions to achieve an understanding coherent with what has been examined thus far.
2. Focus on the absolute reference point, which is the resurrection. On that foundation one must evaluate and harmonise every doctrine.

Suggestions for Teaching and Spiritual Objectives:

- Although these texts present objective difficulties, they offer an interpretive solution that harmonises the truth about death and the resurrection central to the scriptures.
- Examine the 5 principal texts that seem to strongly contrast with the vision expressed so far and clarify to those present the doctrinal answers. ***Luke 16:19–31 & 23:43; Philippians 1:21–24; 1 Peter 3:13–20; Revelation 6:9–11.***

Possible Questions for Deeper Study, Sharing and Application:

1. What arguments help us in our understanding of the account of the rich man and the poor Lazarus? Luke 16:19–31.
2. What helps us to explain in a correct way the phrase that Jesus used to the penitent thief on the cross? Luke 23:43.
3. What does Paul mean in Philippians 1:21–24?
4. What is the message of Revelation 6:9–11?
5. How can we make the great message of the resurrection of believers, of the saved, stand out from all these texts?

Personal Testimony and Church Mission:

What message of hope and faith do we glean from this study that we can transmit to others?