

Faith BEYOND Belief

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FAITH IN THE FACE OF DEATH

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BOTTOM LINE | Because Jesus defeated the one who holds the power of death, I can live prepared, at peace and fully present.

KEY VERSES | Hebrews 2:14-15; 9:27-28; 11:18-22
1 John 3:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:54-56
Psalms 16:8-10; Acts 13:35-27
1 Thessalonians 4:13; Philippians 1:21-22

1. What was your major takeaway from today's message?
2. Read 1 John 3:1-8. What lessons do we learn about the coming of Jesus in relation to the power of sin and the fear of death?
3. Pastor Craig said that the "enemy's power is subject to Christ's authority." Can you think of a time when Christ's authority helped you overcome something holding you?
4. How could the idea that death is not something that happens at our passing but at the moment of our arrival (see Heb. 9:27-28) help someone battle the fear of dying?
5. How should a Christian "prepare" for death? What does this look like practically? What implication does such preparedness have on the way we live out of faith?
6. Do you know someone who was unprepared for death? Do you know someone who was prepared for death? What were the hallmarks of such lives that stick out to you?
7. A godly analogy for death is birth because birth must feel like death to a child who is thrust out of the comfortable and into the unknown. How helpful is this analogy to you as you think about facing your mortality in peace?
8. Look at John 11:35 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13. What do these passages teach us about grief?