

Don't Fear the "Grim Reaper" ☆

Sermon Series: Fear Factor

John 13:36-14:6

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT DEATH

- We were designed for life, not death.
- Suffering and pain are a reality of a fallen world.
- The tighter we hold on to life, the harder it will be to let go.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT HEAVEN

1. The assurance of heaven relieves our soul (John 14:1)
2. The anticipation of heaven satisfies our soul (vv.2,3)
3. The answer of heaven saves our soul (vv. 5,6)

Two questions we all have to ask:

- ▶ Can I trust God with my life?
- ▶ What step of faith do I bet my eternity on?

REALife Application

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Grief is a normal response to the death of a loved one. But the Apostle Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 that Christian grief should look very different from worldly grief. After reading the passage, answer the following questions:

What makes Christian grief different?

What truths from the passage give you hope about life after death?

Can you think of some things people could say to someone who is grieving that most likely wouldn't be helpful or comforting to them? How about things that would be helpful or comforting to share?

2. The biblical reality that life is short and we all eventually die is meant to encourage us to regularly reflect on how we live. How do you see this reality reflected in the following verses?

Psalms 90:10-12

James 4:13-17

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

1 Corinthians 15:58

Which of the perspectives or actions in these verses is most helpful to you in living out the reality that life is short?

3. Jesse talked this weekend about us storing up treasures in heaven, not on earth. In Luke 12:13-21 is the story of a man who did just the opposite. Can you think of one or two decisions this man could have made that would have demonstrated a desire to store up treasures in heaven?

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