

SEVEN RIVERS

— CHURCH —

Sermon Discussion Guide

The Death of Death

1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 20-26, 54-55

April 3 & 4, 2021

Part 1: Pray

The primary goal for our Life Group meetings is to *experience Jesus in our midst in his presence and power*. We want him to be at work by His Spirit ministering to us and through us to one another so that people are cared for and encouraged to lead God-pleasing lives. Ask God to reveal his truth in this passage to transform you through your discussion time.

Part 2: Read the Text

Read the passages from the sermon. Keep a focus on key words, repeated phrases, or major themes.

Part 3: Reflect on the Sermon

Introduction

1. Have you mourned a loss of life this past year? Is there an ache of losing a loved one that you still carry?
2. Ray gave a death announcement to start the sermon. What was it? How does it affect us as we face death?

The Death of Death Accomplished

1. Ray stated that death is not natural. We weren't meant to die. How is this truth vital to our understanding of the gospel?
2. When we face our mortality, we need a champion. Explain how the concept of a champion is developed in the Bible. Can you give an example?

3. Ray stated, “The resurrection is the restoration of how it is supposed to be.” Can you explain this in practical terms?

The Death of Death Applied

1. Is everyone in “a better place” when they die? Who can be assured of this?
(See John 11:25-26; 6:40.)
2. What is the difference between a belief and a fact? What is your faith in Jesus based on? How do you know that what you believe is actually true?

The Death of Death Experienced

1. How does it benefit you to know that Jesus rose from the dead? Is there “any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy” (Philippians 2:1)?
2. Ray said that this life is only the first chapter. How does it benefit you to know that everlasting life awaits—that “everything sad will become untrue”?

Part 4: Summarize the Message

How would you summarize the sermon to someone who has not heard it? What are your two or three key takeaways from the message and your discussion? How does this sermon change your perspective on God? Your own heart? And/or, how to follow Jesus?