



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Jesus Will Come to Your Grave*

Text: John 5:24-29

Service Date: April 27, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- The sermon opened giving examples of things you may have done to celebrate Easter (i.e. Easter egg hunt). Growing up, were there any traditions you and/or your family did on Easter?

Sermon Discussion

- If you had to choose your tombstone's epitaph, what would it say?
- Take a moment to read John 5:24-29. Paul noted, "Those who come to know the Lord and entrust their lives to Him have already experienced the essence of eternal life. Jesus said they have cross over from death to life." What do you think it means that someone can still be living but "cross over from death to life"?
- Sunday's sermon was titled "Jesus Will Come to Your Grave". If Jesus can come to our grave, do you live your life in a way that finds its hope in Him or in the "grave things" of life/living in a permanent state of feeling overwhelmed, have doubt, etc.?
- How should Christians live when they know their hope is in Jesus but they're going through an extremely difficult season?
- In John 5:29, Jesus says, "those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned." Do most individuals in your life make decisions based upon earthly results or with eternity in mind? How should what Jesus says in this verse impact the way we live and make decisions?

- 2 Corinthians 5:8 notes, “We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.” Why is it so easy to become more confident in the things of this world and not in the Lord? How do we shift our focus from being more focused on eternity with Him and less on this world?
- If someone was to look at your calendar (where you spend your time) and your financial accounts (where you spend your money), what would it say about your priorities? Would it show you live with eternity in mind?
- In the sermon, Paul asked the question, “does death frighten you?” What’s your response to this question and why?
- The sermon series is entitled, “Be Hopeful”. Is there any area in your life right now that if Jesus was to return, you’d be sad or disappointed? More importantly, would He be? An area you haven’t surrendered to Him, a friend or family relationship being damaged, etc.?
- “What makes the resurrection of Jesus so essential in the life of the church is not necessarily its uniqueness, but quite the opposite, in that it presents a pattern of what will happen to us as His followers, and that we have opportunity to pattern our lives after Jesus in our baptism.” If you’ve been baptized, what has changed in your life since you decided to die to yourself and “rise” again in Him? If you haven’t been baptized, what’s holding you back?
- This week, what is your prayer for those in your life that need to be making a spiritual decision? What prayer should you pray to God about your part in the process?

Books Mentioned in the Sermon

Desiring God by John Piper

Heaven by Joni Eareckson Tada

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We’d love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village’s values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.