

1. During the CCC Easter service, what did you think when a casket was brought onto the platform?
2. How was the topic of death handled in your family?
 - a. Avoided at all costs.
 - b. Not avoided but basically ignored.
 - c. Acknowledged that we should talk about it "someday".
 - d. Generally planned (parents had a file prepared for what to do).
 - e. Funeral service planned and pre-paid.
3. Read Luke 24:1-12. As Pastor Mark discussed in his message, where is the focus of your journey with Jesus? Is it on Good Friday and his death, or is it on Easter Sunday and his resurrection to life? Does it need to be one or the other, or both? If your focus needs an adjustment, what would help you make the change?
4. Pastor Mark shared, "There is a yearning in the human soul for eternity. You see it in every culture. If they don't have exposure to the more common religions, they make up their own...and it always includes stories and principles about what happens after death. You were made for eternity. That is why you have the yearning in your heart. That is why death is so bothersome." How have you encountered this truth in your own experiences with death?
5. Read John 11:26. How does Jesus' promise in John 11:26 stretch your faith? In what ways would your belief in Jesus' promise of eternal life affect the mood or tone of your funeral?
6. What is one thing more powerful than death? Love. Can you share a time when the death of a relationship or dream came back to life because of the resurrection power and love of Jesus?
7. Read John 13:34-35. Jesus stressed to his followers loving others. This is at odds with some, in the Church, that prioritize moral living and winning arguments over loving people. When we love others like Jesus, how can it transform the people we live and interact with on a daily basis?
8. Did you demonstrate an act of love this week? How has experiencing Jesus' love for you motivate you to demonstrate love to others?

Prayer: Take time to pray for people to know and experience the love of Jesus, and for each other to love like Jesus in their lives.