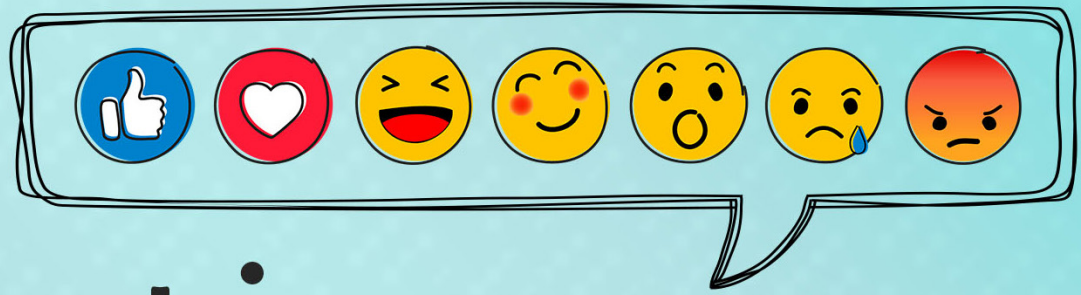


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DEATH | 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-5:1

1. Pastor Mark talks about “Death Cafés” where people gather to talk about the subject of death. Why do you think some people find the topic of death so difficult to think about or talk about?
2. Some people believe that eventually medical technology will make it possible for us to achieve immortality and never experience physical death. Do you think that will happen? Do you think that would be a positive development?
3. Pastor Mark suggests that death is a form of ultimate healing. In what respect might that be true?
4. Have you ever prayed for someone to be physically healed, but then they died anyway? How did you reconcile that experience with the promise that God will answer our prayers?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16. What do you think this verse is telling us?
6. Pastor Mark suggests that, for the Christian, physical death leads to a better life. Do you believe that?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 4:17 and 2 Corinthians 5:1. How do these words give you hope and encouragement?



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8. Pastor Mark discusses “Near Death Experiences” where people have physically died but then brought back to this earthly life through medical intervention. Many people who have had these experiences describe Heaven as an amazing and beautiful place. What do you think of Near Death Experiences?
9. Pastor Mark also notes the Biblical promise that when we die, what we do not know or understand in this earthly life will be revealed to us so that we can understand. What doesn’t make sense now will make perfect sense then. What are some of the unanswered questions you have now that you have now? Read 1 Corinthians 13:12. How do these words give you comfort?
10. Read 2 Corinthians 4:18. How do we learn to live in this world while remembering that this world is not our true home?