

December 10th, 2023

A Historic Perspective

John 8:56-59

1) What stood out to you from the sermon today? What did the Holy Spirit put on your heart?

2) How do you see slavery to the fear of death at work in our culture? In what ways does it directly or indirectly manifest itself?

3) Read Ecclesiastes 7:2 and Psalm 39:4-6. Why do you think that Scripture instructs us to contemplate our mortality? How does thinking about death help us to live rightly?

4) How do you deal with the thought of death? Is it something you're afraid of, something you numb yourself to, or something that you don't think about often? What new ways of thinking and living does the death of Jesus open up to us?

5) It's easy to hear stories of martyrs and feel discouraged by the weakness of our own faith. But Jesus meets us with grace where we're at and his Spirit leads us forward. Where in your life do you long to experience victory over fear, and what's one practical step of faith you can take in that direction?