

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION

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Icebreaker

Think about some of these technologies that are geared towards extending our life - cell rejuvenation, organ growth, cryogenics, etc. What do you think about them? Will they succeed? Are they a good thing?

We all have some fear of dying even as Christians whether its pain of separation and loss, possible regrets, the process of dying or general uncertainties. Which of these concerns you the most?

The bible talks about:

Physical death - An end to our season of life on earth (Ecc 3:1-2) Spiritual death - A result of sin (Gen 2:17)

Eternal death - Separation from God (2 Thes 1:9)

Jesus defeating death (Jn 11:25, 1 Cor 15:55)

Death brings pain, regret, uncertainties and more. Yet we can find comfort in allowing ourselves to grieve (Ecc 3:4, Ps 6:6), knowing the Jesus grieves with us (Jn 11:35, Ps 34:18) and that Jesus rose again (Rev 21:4). How has this sermon helped you in drawing comfort for yourself and learning how to offer comfort to others experiencing loss?

As Christians, we are prepared for death but not paralyzed by it. We are called to live with Godly purpose (Jn 9:4), gratefulness under God's grace (Jn 10:10) and with persevering faith (2 Tim 4:7). Which of these would you like to grow in the coming days? How has this sermon helped you in preparing for the future?