

FINDING GOD ON YOUR TURNTABLE



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Knockin' On Heaven's Door || Pastor Brian Zahnd || September 8, 2019

1. What memories do you have of the first funeral you ever attended?
2. What words would you like to be etched onto your tombstone?

Read Phillipians 1:20-27

3. Death is an enemy that has been defeated by Jesus' death and resurrection, so why would Paul write that to die is gain (v. 21)?
4. According to these verses, what was on Paul's mind as he was "knocking on heaven's door"?
5. Why do some people play a game where they assume death only happens to other people? Why do Americans in general have an aversion to death?
6. How do you feel when you think about your own death?
 - a. Scared
 - b. Peaceful
 - c. Unsettled
 - d. Can we talk about something else?!?
 - e. Other
7. How does Jesus give us hope in the face of death?
8. We are encouraged to "number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." What is the value in reflecting on the days and years of our past and the years that are to come?
9. Pastor Brian "numbered his days" by dividing the seasons of his life into 15-year segments. Use the boxes on the following page to label the seasons of your life. When you are done, share with the group what this exercise revealed to you.

Numbering Your Days

Year Span				
Events				

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Example from Pastor Brian

Year Span	Age 0-15	Age 15-30	Age 30-45	Age 45-60
Events	Birth Learning Making friends	Encountered Jesus Got married Became a pastor Children	Church growth Success Moved into the current church building	Spiritual/theological shift Rethinking Water to Wine journey

Year Span	Age 60-75			
Events	???			