## Turner Christian Church April 2, 2023

	Facing Mortality for Your Neighbor	
	Genesis 22	
•	God's command forced Abraham to face his ultimate enemy:	
	the of (Genesis 22:2)	
	The fear of death was behind all of Abraham's	
	to his neighbors.	
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	• Fear of death made him and of his neighbors. (Genesis 12, 20; Job 2:4)	
	of his neighbors.	
	Fear of death made him seek in earthly	
	(Genesis 15:1-3)	
	Fear of death made him willing to at	
	the of his neighbors. (Genesis 16:1-2)	
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•	Abraham overcame his fear by God to	
	overcome death for the sake of his	
_oving Your Neighbor		
•	We cannot be truly free to love our neighbors until we are  (1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Romans 7:24)	
	free of (1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Romans 7:24)	
•	Jesus had to die so he could death and free us	
	from its (Hebrews 2:14-15, 2 Timothy 1:10)	
	When we trust locus to conquer death we	
•	When we trust Jesus to conquer death, we can without (Romans 8:1-11)	

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- 6. What would have happened if Jesus had atoned for our sin without dying? What difference would it make for us if we were forgiven, but death wasn't conquered?

- 2. Do you agree that our quest for meaning is motivated by our fear of death?
- 7. What does it look like to love your neighbors without fear? How should it change the way we treat others?

3. Can you remember a moment when your need for success or importance made you hurt someone else?

## **Preparing for Next Week**

- Read Ecclesiastes 1:2-11. How does this passage make you feel? Do you agree with the teacher? Why or why not?
- 4. What does it take for us to overcome our fear like Abraham? How can we prepare for those moments?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-26. Why is the resurrection important? How does this passage respond to Ecclesiastes chapter 1?

- 5. How do you see our fear of death and need for meaning keep us from loving our neighbors?
- Read Philippians 3:7-11. If life without God is as bad as
   Ecclesiastes 1 says, and if the resurrection is as important as
   1 Corinthians 15 says, then how does this justify Paul's
   argument here?