

Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Do you agree that our quest for meaning is motivated by our fear of death?
3. Can you remember a moment when your need for success or importance made you hurt someone else?
4. What does it take for us to overcome our fear like Abraham? How can we prepare for those moments?
5. How do you see our fear of death and need for meaning keep us from loving our neighbors?
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?
7. What does it look like to love your neighbors without fear? How should it change the way we treat others?

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?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-26.** Why is the resurrection important? How does this passage respond to Ecclesiastes chapter 1?
- **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?