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WEAK DEATH

1 John 4:16,19 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him... We love because he first loved us.

12 APOSTLES

1. Peter	2. Judas Iscariot
3. James (brother of John)	4. Jude (aka Thaddeus)
5. * John	6. Matthew (aka. Levi)
7. Bartholomew (aka. Nathanael)	8. Philip
9. James the Younger	10. Simon the Zealot
11. Andrew	12. Thomas

(* our dude)

1) Peter, James & _____ were part of Jesus' "inner circle." They were the only ones there for...

- Raising Jairus' daughter from dead (*Mark 5:35-43*)
- Transfiguration (*Mark 9:2-13*)
- Agony in Garden of Gethsemane (*Mark 14:32-42*)

JAIRUS' DAUGHTER: MARK 5:21-43

Hebrews 2:14-15 Since therefore the children [*you and I*] share in flesh and blood, he himself [*Jesus*] likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

2) Death is not nearly as _____ as you imagine.

"Hope is a confident expectation that God will do what he says he will do."
 --Eugene Peterson

3) Death is a _____ of life.

"We live differently because we know that death is not the end. Death is just a period at the end of a sentence before a new sentence begins. It's just the end of one chapter-we might even say the prologue- and the beginning of the great adventure God has in store for us."

--Adam Hamilton: *John: Gospel of Light & Life*

John 20:31 "...so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have **life** in his name."

John 10:28 I give them **eternal life**, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1) Do you remember any classic "teaching moments" with your kids as they grew up? Share some stories.
- 2) Why do you think that Jesus even had an "inner circle"?
- 3) Share some recent thoughts that you have had about death (morbid, I know). Any epiphanies lately?
- 4) Do you fear death? Why or why not?
- 5) What would you be thinking if you were in the crowd and heard the report, "Your daughter is dead. Don't bother the Teacher any more."
- 6) Do you think of death as "powerful?" Why or why not?
- 7) *"Hope is a confident expectation that God will do what he says he will do."* --Eugene Peterson. How have you heard "hope" defined? Is this a good definition?
- 8) What does it mean to you that Christ has power over death?
- 9) Explain the new way of understanding the phrase: "Death is *part* of life." How is this different from being the "end" of life.