



Sermon Discussion Guide
Week of 10/01/2017

➤ ***Icebreaker***

Share a highlight from your summer?

➤ ***Announcements***

Have everyone sign in to CCB (our new online community). Add each person to your LifeGroup. You can now send messages, make comments on messages, view the guide on your phone, organize outings and meals, and celebrate birthdays etc.

Read and Discuss the Guidelines for Healthy Groups

➤ ***Prayer Time***

➤ ***Discussion Questions***

What are some thoughts and feelings we wrestle with when we hear stories in the news of catastrophe, natural disasters, war, and loss of life? In what ways do these stories make us feel vulnerable- that life is fragile?

What do the following verses say about our mortality? Genesis 3:19; Hebrews 9:27; Romans 8:20-21; Psalm 103:15-16.

How do people respond to the fragile nature of life and the reality that they are mortal? What are some ways people deal with the inevitability of death? Discuss the following: Ignore it... Outsmart/Escape it... Distract ourselves from it. How have you seen these play out?

Read Luke 12:13-21. What was the rich man's mistake? What was his distraction? What did it keep him from doing? Why did the rich man look at things so differently from God? In what ways are we distracted by things that do not have lasting value? How can we be rich towards God?

Why should we as Christ followers think differently about death and our mortality? See Psalm 90:2. 1 Corinthians 15:22, 53-54; Psalm 39:4-7. What do we have that the world without Jesus does not? Why is hope so powerful?

In what way is surrendering to Jesus, surrendering to reality? See 1 John 5:11-12; 2 Timothy 1:9-10. What are some of the implications of a surrendered life in regard to our time, treasure, talents, energy, and focus? What will really matter when we wake up dead?

> ***Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...***