Look Like Jesus

The Last Enemy

There is no need to fear death, because Jesus has conquered death. And yet, do we approach death the way Jesus approached death? Many of us see death as "natural" or something to be avoided. But Jesus saw death as an enemy to be stared down and battled. And yet, Jesus was not immune to death or grief. Jesus allowed death to break His heart, but He did not allow it to break His hope. As disciples, we must do the same.

Discussion Questions

- 1. If you had the choice of whether or not to know exactly when you are going to die, would you want to know? Why or why not? Discuss.
- 2. Many of us would maintain that death is entirely natural. What is the benefit of approaching death this way? What is the benefit of recognizing that death, while it comes to all living things, is the enemy of all living things? Would you agree? Please describe.
- 3. Have you ever noticed an indifference in your regarding death? Are there ways/times that you ignore the reality and certainty of your own death? Discuss.
- 4. Jesus looks at death as an enemy. He allows it to overwhelm Him in order to conquer it. How ought a Christian consider death as an enemy? And yet, in Christ, death is transformed, isn't it? How would you describe death for a Christian? An enemy transformed into...? Please share your ideas.
- 5. In the face of death (the death of others as well as our own death), we must allow our hearts to be broken, but may not allow our hope to be broken. How have you done this in your life? Please share.

God in Real Life

I. This week, reflect on the reality and certainty of death with the eyes of Christ.

To the Heart

"Because God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being, and the creatures of the world are wholesome; There is not a destructive drug among them..." ~Wisdom 1:13-14