

Common Enemy #7: Death
(Hebrews 2:14-15)
Lynn Haven United Methodist Church

Introduction

German writer, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, has pointed out, “Death will come whether you’re afraid of it or not.” Death is an enemy we will all face. However, Jesus’s life, death, and resurrection teach us some important truths about death: death is not a friend but a real enemy; death is an enemy that has already been defeated; God is with us on both sides of the grave.

Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the three truths about death. Which ones are hard to accept or are new to you? Which ones are easy to accept and why?
2. In what ways does society deny death will eventually come for everyone at some time?
3. Why has death become such a taboo subject in churches?
4. Why is death an enemy to both God and to us? Read 1 Corinthians 15:26; Hebrews 2:14-15; and Romans 5.
5. How did Jesus defeat death? Read Hebrews 2:9b, 14; 1 Corinthians 15:55, 57.
6. How should putting our hope in Jesus Christ change the way we view death? Read 1 Corinthians 15:20 and John 5:24.
7. How does knowing God is with us on both sides of the grave take away some of the fear of death? Read John 11:25-26; Revelation 1:18; and Hebrews 10:20.

Conclusion

Because of Easter and what it represents, we know now the truth about this common enemy called death. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ teach what we need to know as we are confronted by our own mortality and cope with the loss of loved ones. Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Son’s life, death and resurrection. Pray that you will better understand the truths about the common enemy, death. Look for an opportunity this week to share with someone the truth about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.