

BIG DAYS & BAD DAYS

Sermon Discussion Guide

Part 3 - *Pastor Rob Ketterling*

Let's Recap:

This weekend, Pastor Rob talked about how we navigate and process death. While none of us will escape this reality ourselves, where we place it on the spectrum of our total life and how we understand it can change it to our best **Big Days**. Death does not have to be the end game. God has triumphed over death and provided every person an opportunity to have victory over this enemy.

Tune In:

To prepare for our discussion, read together: 1 Corinthians 15:6; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, John 11:33,35; Ecclesiastes 7:1; and Philippians 1:21

Go Deep:

1. Think about the first encounter with death as a child. How did you understand it or misunderstand it? Was your perception frightening, confusing, joyful, humorous? Share with the group some of the details around that experience.
2. Pastor Rob gave us a short check-list to assist us in leaving our loved ones with fewer burdens when we die. For example, do you have a will or life insurance? If you've made a commitment to Christ, have you thought of a way to share that when you are no longer physically present? Share which of these challenged you and will be an action step in the near future?
3. While Americans are living longer than ever, more people than ever are also taking their own life. **800-273-8255** and **save.org** are resources each of us should be familiar with. Is there someone in your life that seems to be struggling or hurting in any way? What can you do this week to show them you care about them and that they have value?
4. When people around us are grieving, they need to know they are not alone - what stood out to you in this week's message about how you can come alongside those that are grieving?

Live Out:

Pastor Rob closed his message by reminding us that all of the good days we have in life will pale in comparison to the day we begin our eternity if we have made Jesus our Lord and Savior. This week, make a list of some of your really great days and try to imagine how they could quite literally pale next to our eternity. If you haven't surrendered to Christ, ask yourself what is holding you back? If you have a loved one who is not surrendered to Christ, reach out to him or her and share your faith.

