



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of April 12, 2020*

*During this time that we are not able to meet together, please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text**

Luke 13:1-5

*If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiichurch.org/sermononline>*

### **Summary**

In Luke 13:1-5 Jesus' primary concern in the midst of tragedy is that we think about our own souls and our eternal state before a holy God. Unfortunately, humanity has a way of neglecting our own mortality. To prepare our souls for the inevitability of death we must acknowledge and repent of our sin and cast ourselves upon the saving work of Christ. On this Resurrection Sunday, we celebrate Jesus rising from the grave to defeat the power of sin and death. His resurrection proves that His sacrifice has been accepted by God and the wrath of God against our sin has been completely extinguished. Through His resurrection, Jesus shows us that physical death is merely a gate through which we pass, before entering into the joy that God has for us in Jesus Christ forever.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. In Dan's sermon, he made the comment that "*we can hear of hundreds and thousands of people dying prematurely in the world and we can still worry more about toilet paper than we do about the status of our own souls.*" What does this say about how people view death?
2. In John Piper's book, *Coronavirus and Christ*, he says, "*Physical pain is God's trumpet blast to us to tell us that something is dreadfully wrong in the world. Disease and deformity are God's pictures in the physical realm of what sin is like*

*in the spiritual realm. Calamities are God's previews of what sin deserves and will one day receive in judgment a thousand times worse. They are wake up calls to see the moral horror and spiritual ugliness of sin against God."* How do Piper's words help to clarify your understanding of sin?

3. In Pastor Dan's illustration about two people and their understanding of the coronavirus, one person intellectually understands and agrees with the severity of the coronavirus but the other person is actually dying of the virus. How does this illustration help us to understand true repentance?
4. Is repentance enough to save you? Does genuine hatred of your sin and your desire for a new life prevent you from perishing? What else is required? What is the "cure" for the disease of sin?
5. What more does God need to do to get your attention so that you actually think about your own soul? What more does He need to do to make you look upward?