

1. **Launcher:** How would you respond to the deaths of your enemy and your best friend? Describe the internal tension of both happening at the same time.

2. **Worship God** – Luke 1:67-71, 78-79

Worship the LORD, God Almighty as the Lord and Giver of life. Praise and adore Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for His power to conquer sin and death itself, overcoming all the cursed effects of the Fall.

3. **Sermon Reflection: “David & Grief”**

The Story Behind Every Death

- How is death both common and unnatural at the same time?
- What is our perception of God’s wrath? How have you imagined it in the past? What does the Bible say about God’s wrath?
- What does Eph. 6 mean when it says our battle is not against flesh and blood? Where does our true battle lie?

What Does Good Grief Look Like?

- How does David’s response of these deaths stand out from the worlds?
- What is the solution to a resolve like David’s? How do we balance not being naïve to death but also not being controlled by it?
- Are you more naturally inclined to be naïve about death and its finality or are you more controlled by the fear of death? Pray for faith in both areas together.

Why Do We Have Hope?

- How can we be free from fear and death?
- If Jesus Christ—the Messiah and all-powerful Son of God—died, why do we get such a great assurance?
- What would change in your life if you were no longer afraid of death?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray with Us**

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty as the Lord and Giver of life. Praise and adore Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for His power to conquer sin and death itself, overcoming all the cursed effects of the Fall.
2. How have you lived against God’s good design? Confess your sin and destructiveness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you but also to heal you from the deadly consequences of sin.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His death and resurrection on our behalf. Thank Him for the wonder of His work through death, to remove our guilt, and His work against death in His resurrection to give us eternal hope.
4. Who do you know that lives in fear? Pray for them, asking the Lord to give them hope in Christ, especially in His ability to turn death and violence on their head, harnessing them to accomplish the greatest good ever done.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and joy. Pray that He would work into you hope because of your inheritance in Christ, “imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded...” 1 Peter 1:4-5

5. **Mission:** Our mission as Christians is to rehearse the Gospel to ourselves daily. The first and foremost objective of our day needs to be soul care!

- a. Read Ephesians 6:12-13