

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. What are some ways people in our culture deal with the reality of death? How do you deal with death?

Going Deeper

3. Please read 1 Cor. 15:20-26. What do you think Paul means when he describes Jesus' resurrection as "the first fruits of those who are asleep?" Most people blame God for the existence of death. How does Paul explain that death is not from God? How did death enter the world through a man? How is death "the absence of God?" How is vs. 21 a summary of the entire story of the Bible?
4. Why is death a defeated enemy according to this passage? How did God defeat death in our behalf?
5. How is death a temporary enemy according to this passage? How does Jesus regain all that Adam lost?
6. What do you think C.S. Lewis meant when he wrote, "The doors of hell are locked from the inside?" Do you agree or disagree with him?
7. How can you know for sure you will be resurrected? What difference should this make in the way we live in the present?

Application

What is one thing you will apply from this discussion?