

2023-24 Aim Check-in

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
 - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
1. Since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set?
 2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

Discussion Questions Set #1

"It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart ... the heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure" (Ecclesiastes 7:2,4)

In sermon, it was suggested that often we are not fully aware of the worldview by which we are living, unless we take the time to consider it. Generally, the Teacher of Ecclesiastes seems to suggest that an "under the sun" life is one lived in the light of death.

1. Why might consideration of one's worldview not be a regular function for a person in 2024? Have you personally ever considered the underlying assumptions by which you see the world around you?
2. How prevalent do you think a "live-like-you-were-dying"/hedonistic nihilism way of interpreting life is within our world?
3. What kinds of choices might living in light of death cause one to make? What problems might such a way of seeing the world cause in one's life? What evidence can you see in the world that reveals this sort of way of viewing life is at work?

Discussion Questions Set #2

"Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life." (John 5:24)

"My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." (John 6:20)

"But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. (Romans 8:10-11)

"If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.'" (1 Corinthians 15:32)

1. Discuss how a "live in the light of Christ's death" way of life differs from and "live in the light of death" way of life.
2. How does faith in Jesus alter our understanding of death? How might this impact the way we actually live?
3. Discuss what 1 Corinthians 15:32 suggests about a "live-like-you-are-dying" way of life.

Discussion Questions Set #3

"Do not be overrighteous, neither be overwise—why destroy yourself? Do not be overwicked, and do not be a fool—why die before your time? It is good to grasp the one and not let go of the other. Whoever fears God will avoid all extremes." (Ecclesiastes 7:16-18)

"Be holy in all you do." (1 Peter 1:15)

"Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace." (2 Timothy 2:22)

1. The Teacher urges a lack of extremism in life, while other portions of scripture seems to highlight an exciting and profound – a confident death-defying, if you will - extremity to life imbued in following Jesus. Discuss the place of extremism in following Jesus. Do you find the suggestion of this sort of extremism exciting or fearful?