

## Message Outline

*Am I Ready to Die?*

*A Christian Overview on Death*



**Intro:** Clip from movie *Battleship*...

- Anchoring in the face of death...
- Trends in our culture avoiding death...
- Reason for this series...

**Read:** Psalm 39

**v.4**—David's not pretending death isn't a reality he'll have to face...

**v.5**—Poetic imagery for the shortness of life...

**v.6**—Pace and purpose questions of existence...

**v.7**—God's our only hope...

**v.8a**—David's realization of sin/rebellion that needs repented of...

- Ps.39 blunt truth on life, death, and our only hope beyond...

## FAQs about Death

1) \_\_\_\_\_

- First mentioned in Gen.2:17...result of sin.
- Turning our back on the Giver of Life meant staring down death...

2) \_\_\_\_\_

- Judgement following death (Heb.9:27-28, 2Cor.5:10)...
- Soul existence awaiting resurrection existence (2Cor.5:8, 1Thess.4:13ff.)...

3) \_\_\_\_\_

- a)
- b)
- c)

4) \_\_\_\_\_

- At times both??? (1Cor.15:26, Phil.1:21, 2Tim.4:6-8)...

5) \_\_\_\_\_

- Crucified/Risen Savior, example of Jesus' disciples, early Christians in Rome, Medieval church *ars moriendi* ("art of dying"), etc.



## Small Group Reflection Questions



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

*Read: John 16-17*

*\*From this passage, who is Jesus and/or what's this say about life in Him (cf. Jn.20:30-31)?*

*\*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

*\*When did the reality of death first become real to you? How old were you and what was the event?*

*\*How do you think God views death? In what ways do Christians view death differently than non-believers or people of other religions?*

*\*In this sermon series intro, some FAQs on death were shared. What is one question about death you've often wondered? Discuss as a group.*

*\*Do you have any encouraging stories around the subject of death (ie. an example of someone who died well, a life lesson from journeying thru the "valley of death", etc.)?*