

Dying to Live!

Session 1

“Resting from our Labors”

- 1) The cause of death is _____.
Genesis 2:16-17 Romans 5:12
- 2) When we die our _____ is separated from our _____.
Ecclesiastes 12:7
- 3) The _____ of people who die believing in Jesus _____ with Him in _____.
Luke 23:39-43 2 Corinthians 5:8 Revelation 14:13 John 14:3
- 4) People without faith in Jesus die without _____.
Proverbs 11:7 Luke 16:19-31
- 5) We know that heaven has a _____ and _____ because Jesus and Elijah were physically transported there.
2 Kings 2:11 Acts 1:6-9 (Perhaps Enoch - Genesis 5:24 & Hebrews 11:5)
- 6) In heaven our spirits _____ God constantly while He _____ for our every need.
Revelation 7:9-17
- 7) _____ are angels; _____ are people!
Matthew 22:30 Hebrews 2:14-16
- 8) There is no evidence that we become _____, or that we are _____,
or that we have any awareness of _____.
Proverbs 11:7 Luke 16:19-31
- 9) Heaven _____ our final resting place!
John 11:21-24



Session 2

“Making Difficult Decisions”

- 1) Submit yourself to _____ in all plans and decisions that you make.
Romans 14:7-9
- 2) “No one is required to receive treatment that is _____ or which the patient considers _____.”
- Richard Eyer, *Holy People, Holy Lives* (p 91)

- 3) Even a healthy person can be _____.
- 4) If in doubt, _____ and _____.
- CTCR, "Christian Care at Life's End" (p 10)

Guiding Principles from "Christian Care at Life's End"

- 5) Principle 1: Euthanasia, in its proper sense, is a synonym for mercy killing, which involves suicide and/or murder. It is, therefore, contrary to _____.
- 6) Principle 2: As Creator, _____ knows with certainty whether a disease or an injury is incurable.
- 7) Principle 3: When the God-given powers of the body to sustain its own life can no longer function and doctors in their professional judgment conclude that there is no real hope for recovery even with life-support instruments, a Christian may in good conscience
" _____".
- 8) Principle 4: Administering pain-killing medications, even at the risk of shortening life, is _____, since this does not entail the choice of death as either a means or an end.
- 9) "Christians aim always to _____, never to _____."
- CTCR, "Christian Care at Life's End" (p 5)
- 10) "The obedience of faith is to learn to submit to _____ in our _____ and trust Him no matter what the outcome."
- Richard Eyer, *A Christian Guide to End-of-Life Decisions*

Guiding Principles from "Christian Care at Life's End"

- 11) Principle 6: Each person, no matter how _____ and socially _____ he or she may appear to be, deserves to be accepted as a being created in the image of God.
- 12) Principle 7: While _____ is an intrusion into life, it provides the opportunity for Christian witness and service.
- 13) Principle 8: Often the time prior to death is so wrapped in mystery that no one ought forcibly to interrupt the movement of a man's _____ as it may be communicating through God's Spirit with his Creator and Redeemer by way of responding in trust and inner yearning
- 14) Principle 9: Death is not merely a _____ but a crucial _____ event for each person.
- 15) Principle 10: Any decisions made in this highly complex area, and any actions taken that may later appear to have been wrong, have been _____ by that _____ which is available to all who put their trust in the work and merits of mankind's Savior and Redeemer.

Valuable Resources Used in this Presentation:

“*Christian Care at Life’s End*”, A Report of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, February 1993; <http://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=361>

“*Holy People, Holy Lives: Law and Gospel in Bioethics*”, by Richard C. Eyer, Concordia Publishing House, 2000; <http://www.cph.org/p-377-holy-people-holy-lives.aspx>

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## Session 3 “Honoring Our Loved Ones”

- 1) In most cases there are no Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ regarding how we deal with our loved ones after death. In such cases we look toward Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ to evaluate our modern traditions.
- 2) “The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod \_\_\_\_\_ organ donation as an act of Christian love, but this choice is entirely up to the individual and/or his or her family, and should not be a cause of guilt or regret no matter what decision is made.”  
- *LCMS Views - Life Issues (p 6)*
- 3) The FTC \_\_\_\_\_ protects consumers in dealing with funeral homes and cemeteries.
- 4) The LCMS has \_\_\_\_\_ on cremation.  
- *LCMS Views - Life Issues (p 4)*
- 5) Ultimately, “this is a matter of \_\_\_\_\_ and no Christian who chooses to have a loved one cremated rather than buried should be led to think that such a decision is sinful or in opposition to the Word of God.”  
- *LCMS Views - Life Issues (p 4)*
- 6) Each state has their own \_\_\_\_\_ pertaining to burial and cremation.
- 7) Florida \_\_\_\_\_ embalming. However, a body must be embalmed or refrigerated within 24 hours of death.  
- *Florida Division of Funeral, Cemetery & Consumer Services: Consumer Tips*
- 8) The FTC states that “the funeral provider may not \_\_\_\_\_, or charge a \_\_\_\_\_, to handle a casket you bought elsewhere.”  
- *“Funerals: A Consumer Guide”, Federal Trade Commission (p 5)*
- 9) Florida does not require the purchase of a \_\_\_\_\_.  
- *Florida Division of Funeral, Cemetery & Consumer Services: Consumer Tips*
- 10) “The cemetery company \_\_\_\_\_ require that the vault or grave liner be purchased from their company.  
- *Florida Division of Funeral, Cemetery & Consumer Services: Consumer Tips*

- 11) Florida allows for the establishment of \_\_\_\_\_ of less than two acres, which do not sell burial spaces or burial rights. Check local zoning laws and deed restrictions, etc. to determine if it is allowed in the local community.
- 12) You are \_\_\_\_\_ required to buy and urn for your loved ones ashes.  
- Florida Division of Funeral, Cemetery & Consumer Services: Consumer Tips
- 13) Ashes can be spread on any Florida \_\_\_\_\_, but not in any Florida \_\_\_\_\_.  
- Florida Division of Funeral, Cemetery & Consumer Services: Consumer Tips
- 14) If you wish to use your boat to spread ashes at sea... The United States Coast Guard issues \_\_\_\_\_ for burial at sea within the three mile limit.  
- Florida Division of Funeral, Cemetery & Consumer Services: Consumer Tips
- 15) A cremation \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ required in the state of Florida.  
- Florida Division of Funeral, Cemetery & Consumer Services: Consumer Tips

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“LCMS Views – Life Issues”, <http://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=551>

Florida Division of Funeral, Cemetery & Consumer Services: Consumer Tips  
[http://www.myfloridacfo.com/FuneralCemetery/fc\\_consumerfaq.htm](http://www.myfloridacfo.com/FuneralCemetery/fc_consumerfaq.htm)

“Funerals: A Consumer Guide”, Federal Trade Commission  
<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0056-funerals.pdf>



## Session 4 “Unbearable Grief!”

- 1) Grieving is \_\_\_\_\_! Even \_\_\_\_\_ grieved!
- 2) Death is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Death can bring one to \_\_\_\_\_ who they are.
- 4) Expressions of mourning can include \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Give yourself \_\_\_\_\_ to grieve!
- 6) No, you are not \_\_\_\_\_ or “\_\_\_\_\_”.

- 7) You cannot set unrealistic \_\_\_\_\_ for yourself or others.
- 8) There is no \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ for your grief.
- 9) However, we do not grieve as those who have \_\_\_\_\_.  
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 10) Steps you can take: Avoid \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ your feelings,  
\_\_\_\_\_ the pain, find \_\_\_\_\_ mechanisms that work for you,  
and learn how to live with your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11) Practical Suggestions: Maintain a daily \_\_\_\_\_, use \_\_\_\_\_ resources,  
\_\_\_\_\_ in someone, release your \_\_\_\_\_ (constructively), \_\_\_\_\_,  
and avoid \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12) There is a difference between typical grieving and \_\_\_\_\_ or other  
\_\_\_\_\_ afflictions.
- 13) \_\_\_\_\_ behavioral changes in children who are grieving and \_\_\_\_\_ them to cope with their  
feelings.
- 14) Practical suggestions for helping others: Be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
be \_\_\_\_\_, offer \_\_\_\_\_ help, don't give \_\_\_\_\_ about  
grieving, use the \_\_\_\_\_, and don't make \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15) Watch for \_\_\_\_\_ of deeper problems.
- 16) Reach out to grieving people during their year of " \_\_\_\_\_ " – anniversaries, birthdays & holidays.
- 17) Be prepared to hear people say " \_\_\_\_\_ ".
- 18) Whether you are the one grieving or the caregiver, always remember that you are not \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 Thessalonians 4:17; Matthew 28:20

**Valuable Resources Used in this Presentation:**

"A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance", Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

"Journeying through Grief" (4 book series), Stephen Ministries  
<https://www.stephenministries.org/griefresources/default.cfm/775>



## Session 5

# “Heaven is NOT our home!”

- 1) Heaven is \_\_\_\_\_ our home... we are part of God's \_\_\_\_\_!  
- *Genesis 2:7; John 3:11-13*
- 2) According to John 11, the resurrection will occur on the \_\_\_\_\_.  
- *John 11:21-24*
- 3) The Last Day will arrive when \_\_\_\_\_.  
- *Acts 1:6-11; 2 Peter 3:10; Matthew 24:29; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12*
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ will be resurrected.  
- *Revelation 1:7; John 5:28-29*
- 5) We will get \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ bodies, but beyond that it is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
- *1 John 3:2*
- 6) Those who are still alive will be \_\_\_\_\_ with the resurrected and Jesus.  
- *1 Thessalonians 4:15-17*
- 7) After the resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ will be judged.  
- *Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 25:31-46*
- 8) As far as we can tell, our new home will be in the new \_\_\_\_\_ on the new \_\_\_\_\_.  
- *Revelation chapters 19-22*