

Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

Week 2: FUNERALS

Discuss

1. Describe the last funeral you attended. What was helpful to you about it? What was not so helpful? Did the funeral help you process or express your grief in a meaningful way?
2. Do you agree that grief will always come out of us in some way? Can you repress grief? What are some of the unhelpful or unhealthy ways grief sometimes comes out of us?
3. How does a traditional Christian funeral help a person structure and express their grief in a helpful way? What components of a Christian funeral are particularly helpful to you?
4. Why does Christian tradition respect the human body, both in life and in death? What does our respect for the body say about our understanding of creation or reality? How is the body treated with dignity in Christian funerals?
5. What would you change about the Christian funeral tradition? What could be eliminated, added or changed that would make the tradition more meaningful and relevant for our current culture?
6. What components would you want in place for your funeral? If you were planning your own funeral service, what would the service include?

