

How to Have a Good Funeral

Job 14:1-14

Introduction:

- A. Jesus taught everything in parables. Mark 4:33, 34
 - B. Everything Paul knew was Jesus and His crucifixion. 1 Corinthians 2:2
 - C. Jesus prepared His disciples for His death. Matthew 16:21-26
 - 1. He told them.
 - 2. They resisted.
 - 3. He told them they would have to follow His example.
 - D. It is good to go to house of mourning. Ecclesiastes 7:2, 3, 10
 - E. A question many have asked. Job 14:1-14
 - F. Jesus' assurance. John 14:1-3
 - G. Jesus is the resurrection. John 11:17-27
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- 1. What are you losing?
 - 2. What will you miss?
 - 3. What good things do you have to say about the person or thing you are losing?
 - 4. How will you deal with your loss?
 - 5. How did you come into this relationship?
 - 6. What fears did you have when you started this relationship?
 - 7. How long did it take you to "grow up," feel like "real" elders, deacons, committee members, parents, home owners, married person?
 - 8. What do you need to do to say good-bye to this relationship?
 - 9. What unfinished business do you have?
 - 10. How will you deal with your jealousy or others' jealousy if you become aware of it?
 - a. Your jealousy of others who have not suffered your loss?
 - b. Other's jealousy of you who feel you have not lost as much as they have?

11. How do you feel about starting over in a new relationship or without a relationship?
 - a. Working out rules?
 - b. Building a good relationship?
12. What hopes and dreams do you have?
13. How will you communicate those
 - a. To yourself?
 - b. To others who are important to you?
14. Five tasks of dying:
 - a. Forgive me.
 - b. I forgive you.
 - c. I love you.
 - d. Thank you.
 - e. Good-bye.

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