

November 14th, Expiration Date
Part 7 in the series 'The Gift of Life'

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us continue to encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

What is church? What can be defined as church?

Why is it important for believers to gather together in the name of Jesus?

What are some reasons why you gather with other believers? Why do you 'go' to church?

“Humans are like a breath of air. Their life span is like a fleeting shadow.” Psalm 144:4

What strikes you about this line from the psalm?

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:12 (NIV)

What would you say this line means?

Given the reality of our mortality, what are the two ways we can approach life, as Jim mentioned in the message?

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- One: Grab all the life you can, scoop as much of it up as you can, and hang onto it as tight as you can.... Or...
- Two: Hold life loosely, open handed, releasing and letting go of life as much and as often as you can. *Live with an open hand and a loose grip, a willingness to release and let go of our life, and perhaps letting go of and giving away whatever happy-beads we have, knowing that its not the beads that ultimately matter, but the string that runs through the beads that makes the necklace work.*

So, based on this reflection, what does living fully mean?

“If you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it.” Luke 17:33

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13

Why and in what ways do you think the more you center your life on God, the more you see life as a gift to be shared with others?

Does reflecting on the idea that your eternal life with Jesus has already begun affect how you view life?

How does pondering your eternal future with Jesus affect your priorities here in this present time? What feels more important and what less so?