



## *CLEAR THE AIR*

BURNING ISSUES CONFRONTING CHRISTIANS TODAY

# End of Life Issues and Euthanasia

JOHN 11:21–27

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## **WELCOME:** Fixing Our Focus

### **Suggested icebreaker:**

Ask each GG member if they have experienced the death of a loved one. If they have, ask them if it is alright for them to share the circumstances leading up to the death of their loved one. Did their family have difficulties in the decisions that needed to be made during that time? How did they arrive at their decision?

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## **WORSHIP:** Adoring Our God

### **Suggested songs:**

- [Because He Lives](#)
- [It is Well with My Soul](#)

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### LESSON AIM

1. GG members will value human life.
2. GG members will be prepared to handle end of life issues.
3. GG members will have confidence of eternal life and help others gain that same confidence.

### INTRODUCTION

A lot of people fear death. They do not know what happens after they die. Therefore, they do their best to avoid death. However, there are those who are ill or experiencing hardship who see death as a way to escape their suffering. What does the Bible teach us about death and what should be our attitude toward it?

### The value of human life

1. In creation, how did God set humankind apart from the rest of the animal kingdom according to Genesis 1:26-27? What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
2. What do Deuteronomy 32:39 and 1 Samuel 2:6 say about God's authority over human life?
3. What is God's commandment regarding the premeditated taking away of human life? What is the reason why He prohibits people from doing so? (cf. Exodus 20:13; Genesis 9:6)

### Application

What should be your attitude toward human life?

### Death and peoples' attitudes toward it

1. According to Romans 5:12 and 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, what is the origin of death? (cf. Genesis 2:17)
2. Read 2 Samuel 1:1-16. What was Saul's request to the Amalekite? How did he respond to the request? What was David's judgment regarding the man's actions?
3. What was Paul's attitude toward hardships in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 and death in Philippians 1:21-23?
4. What similarities and contrasts do you see between Saul's and Paul's attitude toward hardship and death?
5. What do these passages reveal about the lives of those who are seeking death?

### Application

How can you keep God's commandment against killing if you have loved ones who are seeking death?

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### Life after death

1. According to Jesus' parable in Luke 16:22-23, what happens to people after they die?
2. What is Jesus' promise to Martha, according to our passage?
3. According to Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:24-26, 54-55, what did Christ's work on the cross accomplish?
4. What was Paul's hope in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, though his physical body may be "wasting away"?

### Application

How prepared are you to face death? How can you help others prepare?

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### Prayer Item

Pray for one another, that you will have a healthy biblical attitude toward death. Pray for those who may have loved ones who are ill, with the possibility of dying in the near future, that they may have wisdom and discernment on how to treat their loved ones. Pray that you help friends and family prepare for their deaths by sharing the gospel with them. ■



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