Small Group Questions

Christian Emotion: Grief & Suffering May 19, 2019 By: Bethany Lay

*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. What is your favorite summertime activity?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Shaun started his sermon telling us that death is assured, and that in the grand scheme of eternity our lives are brief. How does the brevity of life help you count your days? (ie: Your tone of voice with others? Anger toward past hurts? Parenting? How you treat your spouse? How you use your money? How you serve God's church? How you spend your time?) 2. Shaun mentioned that grief is a response to injustice and it reminds us that the world is broken. In a culture where social justice is so highly acclaimed, what do you think is a Biblical response to injustices around us?

3. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14. This verse assures us that we will grieve, but that Christians grieve differently. What does this look like? (Consider the many sources of grief.)

4. What is your hope? (1 Thessalonians 4:15-16) How will you share that with those who do not have hope?