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Week 8- Death Has Been Defeated

Opening Prayer

Opening Review:

1. Two weeks ago we discussed the topic of intercession. What does it mean to intercede for someone?

2. What examples of intercession did we explore through Matthew 14:22-32 (the account of Jesus walking on the water)

Opening Discussion:

3. What happens to the condition of an object as it stays too close to saltwater (or in saltwater) for too long? (for example, cars, chains, chairs, etc.)

4. As you think about this "seasoned object" what are some places it might end up? Where do objects like this go?

Video 8

Discussion Questions

5. In our video, we heard Max reference the impacts on salty water/air on an object. Such elements can have a corrosive effect. There is something else in life that has a corrosive effect as well- something we have all experienced: *sin*. What areas of life are impacted by sin? Can you name some?

6. What do the following passages say about sin and its consequences?
   a. **Romans 3:23**

   b. **Romans 5:12**

   c. **Romans 6:23**

7. Death is a sobering reality for all people. How does the Christian perspective differ from all other world religions? What sets our Christian faith apart from all others?

8. **Matthew 28:2-7** offers us a great glimpse of living hope and our reason to live with hope! What do we recall in this passage?

9. Paul, in his letter to Corinthian Christians, highlights several insights into the reality of resurrection. What does he note in the following sections of 1 Corinthians 15?
   a. **1 Corinthians 15:3-8**

   b. **1 Corinthians 15:12-26**

   c. **1 Corinthians 15:42-44**

   d. **1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

See also 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 for additional insights into Jesus' Second Coming and the Resurrection of the Dead.

10. How is the hope of Jesus' Second Coming, along with the Resurrection of the Dead, tied in with The Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed? What do we confess in these Christian Creeds?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we believe that Your Son, Jesus, rose from the dead just as He said He would. We also believe that He is coming again. More, we believe in the resurrection of the dead. For now, and until then, let us live each moment with faith and hope. In Jesus' Name, Amen.