

Bible Discussion For Today's Sermon
March 22, 2020

1. What it is that makes us so afraid of Coronavirus?

The intent of this question is to get us to unpack what it is that we are really afraid of. In some cases it may be that people are afraid that their financial resources are being depleted. In other cases it may be that people are afraid of losing their jobs. Some may be afraid because they have loved ones in danger. Others may be afraid that they are being punished for their sins. And still others might be afraid that they are actually going to die. We need to be able to openly discuss what it is that frightens us.

2. How does our Christian faith address the specific fears that we are experiencing because of Coronavirus?

This is a good opportunity for individuals and family members to look into the Bible and find specific passages that address their specific fears. We have attached "God's Yellow Pages" to our congregational website. God's Yellow Pages lists passages to look at when we face specific situations. Spend some time looking up specific passages and ponder their comfort.

3. In Psalm 31:15 the psalmist says, "My times are in your hands." What does that mean? How does that reality help us to set aside our fears?

The psalmist here is acknowledging that his next heartbeat, his next breath, his very life was dependent upon the Lord every moment of every day. If the Lord wanted to take me home yesterday through a car accident or heart attack, he could have done it. If the Lord wants to take me home through COVID-19, he will do it. On the other hand, if he still has a reason for me to be on this earth for a specific period of time, then not even Coronavirus can kill me. "My times are in [his] hands." What COVID-19 has done, is remind me that I am dependent upon my God for breath, and health, and life every single day. To live with that awareness is a blessing.
