

Date: November 10, 2019

Sermon Title: Grieving With Hope

Speaker: Richard Smith

Scripture text(s): Acts 8:2

- 1) In what ways do we buy into the wrong belief that our faith protects us from hurting or causes us to hurt less? How have you seen this play out in your life or a loved one's life?
- 2) Why is it healthy to not rush grieving?
- 3) Richard made the point that our misery doesn't define how much we loved the one who is gone. Discuss how you have experienced the guilt that comes when you begin to heal from the grieving.
- 4) Richard said that Jesus' scars are forever but they do not define Him. What does this mean? How does this also apply to you?
- 5) How does it help us to serve in the midst of our grieving?
- 6) How does this statement bring you comfort and encouragement--"If Jesus is concerned about your eternal sorrow then He is concerned by your present sorrow."?
- 7) In times of grief, how have you been tempted to stop reading the scriptures? Why is this detrimental to you? What steps can you take to stay in the scriptures?
- 8) Discuss how God's presence fills our void. Why is this crucial to our relationship with Him?
- 9) "Resurrection joy is greater than crucifixion sorrow." What does this mean? How does this minister to your heart?