



HOST'S GUIDE

Spring 2019: Week 1

AIN'T NO GRAVE

Part 4: Drink Again

“I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”

Revelation 1:18 NKJV

SPIRITUAL DEATH

“To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.”

Revelation 3:1-3 NIV

✓ Unrelenting *trial and temptation.*

“The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in darkness like those long dead. So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed.”

Psalms 143:3-4 NIV

✓ *Personal* tragedy.

“When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the towering rock of safety.”

Psalm 61:2 NTL

✓ *Attacks from* others.

“With words of hatred they surround me; they attack me without cause.”

Psalm 109:3 NIV

✓ *Working without* rest.

“O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

Psalm 61:1 NIV

✓ *Guilt and* shame.

“My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.”

Psalm 38:4 NIV

DRINK AGAIN

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.”

Revelation 22:17 NIV

1. Respond to the invitation.

“is anyone thirsty? Come and drink— even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk— it’s all free! Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food

that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food.”

Isaiah 55:1-2 NLT

2. Renew your relationship with God.

“Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David.”

Isaiah 55:3 NLT

3. Remove of everything that is in the way.

“Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.

Isaiah 55:6-7 NLT

Consider and Discuss

- [Read Psalm 143:3-4] Share a time with the group when you have felt as the Psalmist did when he wrote Psalm 143.
- Pastor Roy shared five ways in which we can experience spiritual death. From this list, share which area you have felt effect you the most.
- Identify and share anything that has been, or may be, in the way of you being able to respond to Jesus' invitation to drink again.

Personal Challenge

- Take some time this week to pray that the Holy Spirit would identify any areas of spiritual death in your life that you have not been aware

of and use that time to then respond to Jesus' invitation for you to drink again.

- If you have made the decision to respond to Jesus' invitation, renew your relationship with God and remove anything that is in the way, share it with your small group leader or a friend.