

## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of May 7, 2023

## Sermon Text 1:21

## 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, http://hawaiikaichurch.org/sermons/page/1.

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What do you think it means "to live is Christ"?
- 2. Think about the sermon illustration of experiencing the ultimate "onoliciousness" of Wagyu beef for the first time and explain the difference between a person who knows, understands, and agrees wholeheartedly with the truths of Christ **vs.** a person who actually *knows* Jesus Christ.
- 3. Describe a person who truly lives by the motto: "to live is Christ and to die is gain".
- 4. Think about these phrases: "To live is wife and family", "To live is fame, wealth, and power", "To live is my job", "To live is pleasure and satisfaction". Why do none of these phrases make ultimate logical sense? Why does "To live is Christ" make absolute logical sense?
- 5. How does the *power* and *presence* of Christ allow Christians to confidently state, "to die is gain"? Related to this question: why do Christians no longer need to fear death?