



# Men's Golf Fellowship Speaker Discussion Questions

**CONNIE MACK**

Spiritual Topics: Death, Control, Meaning of Life, Meaning of Love

About the Talk: Much of Connie Mack's talk centered around how the death of three people shaped his life. What unique perspectives does the reality of death give us? How does the inevitability of death change us? Let's take some time to discuss these and other questions that arose from Connie Mack's talk.

## Discussion Questions

- The theme of 'death' permeated Connie Mack's talk. He spoke of how the deaths of 3 people close to him, namely his brother (Mike), his friend (Joy) and senate lunchroom waiter (Butch), effected his life. Have you ever had someone die that was very close to you? How did it effect you? Did it make you stop and consider life in a different way? If so, how? Did that death change your life's trajectory or a perspective on something permanently, as it did Connie Mack? **Related Scripture: Hebrews 9:27 – The Finality of Death**
- Connie spoke at length about his rather amazing experience he had at the Senate prayer breakfast when 12 senators prayer for him and he felt what he described as "something rushing out of him." He later identified it as the beginning of his giving up the 'need for control.' In what way(s) do you have the 'need for control' in your life (e.g. time, money, relationships, career, your marriage, with your kids, etc.)? Many times our 'need for control' manifests itself as anger when you do not have control. If that is the case, take a moment to examine your anger. What do you get angry about and does it possibly have a connection to a lack of control in that area? How does the thought of giving up control of your life to God sit with you? **Related Scripture: Mark 14:36 – Surrendering control**
- Connie explained that the death of his brother Mike began his contemplation of the meaning of life. What do you think the purpose of life really is? Does this life have an overarching meaning or not? Later, Connie went to a Senate prayer breakfast and engaged in what he called an "intense discussion on the "meaning of love" which led to the beginning of his relationship with God. Take a moment and as a group come up with a definition of 'love.' What are some of the necessary marks of true love between people? Do you see any of those reflected in God's love toward us? **Related Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a – The Meaning of Love**

- His friend Joy's funeral had a deep impact on Connie and caused him to reflection deeply about his life and about being much more intentional in his faith. Is being intentional or purposeful in your relationship with God something you have ever thought about? Share with the group whether you think in your life you have been a) not very intentional spiritually; b) moderately intentional spiritually, or; c) very intentional spiritually. Connie actually wrote down ways in which he wanted to become more deliberate in his life with God. Do you, either formally or informally, have a list of spiritual priorities you pursue? If so, what are they? If not, what would be one or two that you would have on your list?  
***Related Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 – Spiritual Intentionality***