

Death Cafe Conversation Starters

What brought you here today?

What does it mean to you to leave a legacy?

What is your favorite joke or funny story about death?

Where would you like to be when you die?

What things make for a good death?

How would you like to be remembered?

What song would you like at your funeral?

How do you prepare for death and dying?

How would you be of support to a dying friend?

Do you believe in something after death?

Describe what a “peaceful” death would be for you.

What is “dying”? What is death?

What is the number one item on your bucket list?

What do we learn from death?

What will you miss most in dying?

Do you plan cremation or burial or donation or some other option? If cremation, what are your plans for the ashes?

Recognizing dying and death will happen to you, what does it mean to live your life every day?

If you had a choice, how would you choose to die?

What would be a perfect phrase on your tombstone?

What do you want to be remembered for? What will you be remembered for?

What rites, ceremonies, music, food, or program do you want at your memorial service?

What do you say to a friend who is facing death? What do you do?

What is a “dignified” death? What is an “undignified” death?

What would be your final request(s)? Of whom?

Have you ever seen a person take their last breath? How did that impact you?

