

## Sermon Ideas

Clergy have their own unique way of sermon preparation and delivery. With that understanding and appreciation the following suggestions are given as ideas. The scripture references in the following section on WORSHIP RESOURCES are available as starting points and ideas.

John 11:25 – *“I am the resurrection and the life.”*

I Corinthians 15:35-58 – *The spiritual body*

These texts could be used to preach about the resurrection, emphasizing that in the resurrection the physical body is transformed into a spiritual body. Therefore, the gift of organs and tissues does not affect the ability of one to be resurrected.

Luke 6:31-38 – *Give to others and God will give to you*

This text could be explored as to the command to give to others and various ways that we can give, including the giving of our bodies.

Romans 8:28-29 – *Seeking the good*

This text could be used to show how, in the midst of tragic circumstances of sudden death, God is seeking with us to find good. Donation may be one sign of good in an otherwise senseless death.

John 3:16-17 – *God gave his Son*

God gave his Son to us so that we might live in eternal life. Can we not give of our organs and tissues when we no longer have need of them so that others may live in this temporary world?

Luke 14:12-14 – *Giving without reward*

In this text we are told to give to those who are in need without thought of reward from them. The need for organ and tissue donation is great.

Genesis 2:26-31 – *Responsible power*

In the moment of our creation we were given power over all things. Responsible use of this power would include using our own bodies to give life.

1. SEOPF/UNOS. *Organ and Tissue Donation: A Reference Guide for Clergy*, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed Cooper ML, Taylor GJ, eds. Richmond, VA: UNOS; 2000.