



The Resurrection

Week of March 27, 2016

These discussion questions can be used the week following the message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

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Series Recap:

In looking at the history of God, there was a purposeful creation, The Fall which caused separation from God, and there is redemption—a way come back to God. There are three parts to redemption. The first is the Incarnation—God becoming man. The second is Atonement—Jesus dying to atone for our sins. Finally, there is the Resurrection.

Message

Read Isaiah 53

Understanding Easter is choosing to live from the story of Jesus; believing in the incarnation, accepting his atonement for our sins, and living a new, resurrected life. It means living a life of hope, love, overcoming, and acceptance. Living the resurrection is different from knowing about it. Knowing is the first step, but living the story of Jesus means we live restored lives—restored from our mistakes, our sins, and our errors. The resurrection of Jesus matters because it means you have been restored into favor with God. Your sins are forgiven and you are made new. It's time to stop living in the past, wallowing in your mistakes and sins. It's time to start living the life Jesus has given you.

Pray

Jesus, I believe you became man, while fully God, that you took my sins upon you as you died on the cross. And I believe that you have risen, completing the story of my redemption. Thank you, Jesus, for giving me a new life in you.

Getting Started

- What are your family's Easter traditions?
- What is the difference between knowing something and living something?

Listening Deeply

1. Fill in the blank: If only _____, then I will be happy.
2. We are crowd followers, always trying the newest fads to try to find fulfillment. Why do you think we look everywhere but to Jesus to fulfill our desires?
3. The resurrection story is a story about overcoming. Do you have a story about overcoming? Share it with your group and think about how Jesus was real to you at that time.
4. How would you explain the incarnation, atonement, and resurrection (Jesus' life, death and resurrection) to someone who didn't know about it?
5. Why does the story of Jesus matter to you?

Living Wide in Jesus

How will you respond to the resurrection story? Jesus died for you. He bore your sins and took your punishment so you could have a new life. How are you living that new life? Are you stuck in old patterns of guilt and condemnation? Or can you embrace this new life that Jesus gave you. A life of hope and love. A life of acceptance and peace. Jesus has already given you restoration, all you have to do is accept it and start living in it. Use the space below or on the back of the page and write a commitment to Jesus that you will start living a resurrected life.