

WITNESS

The Resurrection Changes Everything!

Week of April 30, 2017

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

Message Recap:

Read Matthew 28:18-20

The resurrection is not an abstract idea, it's a personal experience. It gets your attention and changes what you see in life. The resurrection reminds us there is a God above we don't control. The Jesus of "religion" is dead and distant from what's real and from what matters right now. The Jesus of the resurrection is alive and present, and all that matters is following His command into new life on Purpose. If it's real, it's personal. If it's superficial, it isn't Supernatural. Jesus continually invited people to commit to Him and become His disciple. He didn't come to start a religion, He came to being a Kingdom, redeem a world, and build a forever family. He didn't invite people to "church" or to "theology," or simply to be good and moral. Jesus invited people into a revolutionary personal relationship with Him that leads to eternal intimacy with God.

Pray

Father, you have given us your instructions, help us to get past our intimidations and fear of rejection so we can GO reach people for your kingdom. Lord, 2 Corinthians 5:20 says we are your ambassadors, give us the strength to show people we love you and we are proud to be your children.

Getting Started

- We all have a favorite "comfort food" that we love to indulge in, what is something that you love to eat but you know it should just be a once in a while treat?
- What kinds of things do people use to fill the holes in their lives other than Jesus?

Digging Deeper

- 1. What is your resurrection story? Discuss with the group how Jesus has not just changed your life but how He is continuing to change you.
- 2. Why should we go tell people about Jesus?
- 3. If Jesus told us to "GO!" then why is this so difficult for us to do? Discuss practical ways to share with those around us. (Refer to "So how do I start going" from the bulletin).
- 4. How can we claim to love Jesus of we don't share Jesus?
- 5. Why are we so bold as to not obey this commandment?

 Matthew 28:18-19 "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Living Jesus

If your relationship with Jesus is real, then the resurrection is real. Don't be afraid to share your resurrection story. We are alive on earth after salvation for one reason- to glorify God by making disciples! So let's all go this week and share the good news!