

All Things Are Possible | Easter Sunday 2022
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, April 17th, 2022



Sermon Title: All Things Are Possible

Scripture Reading: Matthew 19:26; John 20:1-18, 24-29; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Sermon Focus: Dead is dead. Even in the first century, the disciples understood that *nobody* survives a Roman crucifixion. Therefore, what happened next was totally unexpected and deeply challenging to the disciples. It was bewildering and shockingly magnificent! It reframed everything. On this Easter Sunday morning, Pastor David shares how the resurrection of Jesus invites us to move from the certainty of "that's the way things are" to the unsettling openness that God can do the impossible.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person or by video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Read Luke 24:1:12 together. In verse 11, Luke tells us that the story the women told the male disciples sounded like “nonsense” and they didn’t believe it. For them, Jesus was dead and there must have been some other explanation. Put yourself in the shoes of each person in this story. Can you imagine what they must have felt? How do you think you would have responded to this news?
2. Read John 20:24-29 together. Pastor David said that doubt is a constant companion of faith. In Thomas’ case, doubt opened the door to a unique experience with Jesus. Thomas may have doubted, but his faith is commendable because he showed courage, honesty, and he *stayed* with the disciples. How does this Easter story convict, challenge, and/or encourage you?
3. Pastor David reminded us of several things that are true because Jesus was physically raised from the dead on the third day. Take some time to discuss each of these together. Why are each of these true? And why does it matter?
 - God the Father approves of Jesus’ life, claims, and teachings.
 - The cross proves God’s love for us and has saving power!
 - What happened to Jesus will happen to all who believe (1 Cor 15).
 - We have a living hope, despite our current sufferings.
 - All things are possible with God, for those who believe.
4. Jesus said that everything is possible with God (Matthew 19:26). Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, these are a few things which are now possible. Discuss each point together. Also, consider what you might add to this list:
 - Forgiveness, mercy, grace and redemption are possible
 - Love, joy, peace, patience, etc. are possible
 - Restorative justice and reconciliation are possible
 - Signs and wonders (miracles) are possible
 - Repenting and starting over (new life) are possible!
5. Our Easter worship service at Grantham was visibly moving to many in attendance. What did you see, hear, or feel that encouraged you? Share with your group how you were personally impacted by the whole experience.