

Easter Sunday 2025
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, April 20th, 2025



Sermon Title: The Christian Hope in Resurrection

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-49; Romans 8:1-39; 1 Corinthians 15:1-58

Sermon Focus: After his brutal death by crucifixion, Jesus was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures. His resurrection changed everything! And while there are many reasons to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, our main concern this Easter is to consider what the resurrection means for us in the present and for the future. Let's open our hearts and minds up to the mystery and wonder of the empty tomb as Pastor David invites us to fully embrace the Christian hope in resurrection.

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

1. Begin by reading Luke 24:1-49 aloud. You have likely heard this story many times. What jumps out at you in hearing the resurrection story? What is God drawing your attention to and speaking to you about?
2. Pastor David began with *seven* reasons for believing in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead: (1) Reliability of the New Testament; (2) Testimony of Eyewitnesses; (3) Multiple Attestation; (4) The Empty Tomb; (5) Resurrection Appearances; (6) Growth of the Early Church; (7) The Credibility of Miracles. Have you investigated these things before? What do you personally find most compelling about these reasons for believing? Is there one that really captures your attention more than the others? If so, share why that is with your group.
3. Take some time to read the following passages of Scripture that expound upon the resurrection and its meaning for us as the Christian hope:
Romans 8:1-39; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:1-58; 1 Peter 1:3-9
After you read each passage, answer the questions: What does this say about God? What does this say about the resurrection and God's good future?
4. What does the resurrection mean for all of creation? In his message, Pastor David expounded on the following seven points:
 1. God the Father approves of Jesus' life, claims, and teachings.
 2. Jesus is Lord and Savior over everything that exists.
 3. The cross proves God's love for us and has saving power!
 4. What happened to Jesus will happen to all who believe.
 5. We have a living hope, despite our current sufferings.
 6. All things are possible with God, for those who believe.
 7. God is bringing heaven to earth and guiding history to its end.

You may want to take some time to reflect and discuss each of these points. How would you explain the truth of each of these to a skeptic or non-believer? And then share how these things have impacted you on an emotional level.

5. The resurrection of Jesus has changed everything! In a sentence or two, how would you explain *why* or *how* that statement is true?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:58 one more time and make it personal. How is the Spirit inviting *you* to "stand firm" in your current situation and circumstances because of the Christian hope in resurrection? After you share, close your time in prayer for each other. Pray for the challenges that each of you are now facing.