

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR LIFEGROUPS

Week 5 - The Resurrected Life - Easter - Living a Resurrected Life

In this series called *The Resurrected Life*, we are going to explore the lives of some of the most influential characters in Scripture. These were people whose stories seemed broken, hopeless, and too far gone, yet God was writing a different ending. He brought them from failure to freedom, to a bright future, and He wants to do the same for you. This series will help you see that your past mistakes don't define who you are, and that God is writing a new story of resurrection for your life.

This week we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus went to the cross to take the penalty of our sin, and He conquered death and rose from the dead three days later to us the ability to live in freedom today and have everlasting life with Him. Because of what Jesus has done for us we can also experience a resurrected life today.

Share Your Story:

1. Each week have someone share their story on how they came to know Jesus. Elements can include: how you were living your life before Jesus, when was your conversion, who led you to Christ, and what changed in your life after you received Jesus. Let the group know their testimony should not be more than 10 minutes. Testimonies can also be written out if it helps people feel more comfortable to share.
2. Have a few people share a dark time in their life. When was it and what were the circumstances.

Learn from God's Story:

1. Encourage your group to bring their Bibles each week. Ask everyone to open their Bibles to Romans 6:5-11 and have someone in the group read this out loud. What do you think it means to when Paul says "We have been united with Him in death, we will be united with Him in a resurrection like His"?
2. The story of Lazarus is found in John 11. Have someone recount the story of the group. For Lazarus to be resurrected what needed to take place?
3. When Lazarus responded to God's voice and came out of the tomb, what took place for him to see and walk again? (*Leader Answer: Lazarus who looked like a mummy needed his friends had to unravel him.*) What does this symbolize for us to walk a resurrected life?

Walking out a New Story:

1. *The only way to live a resurrected life is through a resurrected Jesus.* Discuss what this means. (*Leader Tip: Try not to get hung up on the eternity side of this question, but focus on living a resurrected life today*)
2. Discuss with your group where there are areas in your life that you desire to have greater freedom and places that need resurrecting.
3. *It takes others in our lives to help us come alive.* Talk about how your group is living this out. How can you support each other to walk in greater freedom?

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