

Believe: In the Resurrection

Luke 24:1-12

1. Does truth really exist?

2. Do miracles really happen?

3. Is there evidence that Jesus really rose from the dead?

4. What changed in the world because of Jesus' resurrection?

5. How can Jesus' resurrection change you and me?

Luke 24:6-8 *He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." And they remembered His words...*

DISCOVER (Read Luke 24:1-12)

1. Have you ever known someone that you knew well, then found out something about them where you were completely wrong? ...that you were completely blindsided by the actual truth? How did you "recover" from this revelation?
2. What role does humility have when realigning our truths with scripture? Outside of the Bible, what are some resources we can use to discern truth?
3. Define "miracle." Are miracles the same thing as "signs and wonders"? Some people think any positive news is a miracle while others hardly believe in modern day miracles. How might you explain such a discrepancy in beliefs? Where do you stand?

EXPLORE

1. How did the presentation of the evidence in Dr. Myers' sermon this Sunday give you confidence in the truth of Christianity? How does the reality of the Resurrection give you confidence in God's plan for humanity?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. Why is placing your hope in Christ more valuable than anything you could ever receive on earth? According to Peter, how is the Resurrection a life-changing event even 2,000 years after it occurred? In what ways do we get to identify with both the suffering and the hope of Jesus when we embrace the Christian life?
3. How were the disciples changed as a result of the Resurrection? How did the disciples use the truth of the Resurrection to impact the world? How might we respond as they did? Why is the truth of the risen Christ the cornerstone of the Christian faith? (see 1 Corinthians 15:12-19)

EXPERIENCE

1. Why is celebrating the Resurrection important to relive every year? What would you say to encourage or do for a brother or sister whose faith has become stale even during Easter?
2. As a group, discuss the facts that you are aware of that Jesus actually rose from the dead. How can you share these evidences with a skeptical neighbor? (see 1 Peter 3:15)
3. Consider that God gave such a great privilege and responsibility to a lowly person with a stained past in Mary Magdalene. What does this say about the same privileges and responsibilities God has given to someone "lowly" like us? Do you think that God may be asking you to respond to Him in a certain way? What would that be?

PRAY

Pray... Thank God the Father for sending His Son to die in our place; that we did not have to drink from the Cup of the Fury of God's Wrath. Thank Jesus for dying and rising again. Ask God to help us grasp the impact of the Resurrection, what He has done and is doing in our lives and in the world.

Action... Who do you know that needs the hope of the Resurrection in their lives? How can you go about sharing that hope with them?