



Life Group Discussion Guide
“Risen”
April 16, 2017

Open in prayer.

- Can you recall a day or event that significantly influenced the course of your life or your family’s life?
- Why is the resurrection such an important aspect of the Christian faith?

Read Luke 24:1-12

- How does the resurrection prove Jesus’ identity?
- How do the first century accounts of Jesus’ resurrection influence your belief in the resurrection? (1 Corinthians 15:1-7)
- Why does Jesus’ death and resurrection provide forgiveness?
- According to Romans 10:9-10, to receive forgiveness for our sins all we have to do is believe and confess. Do you find this easy or difficult?

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. “ (NLT)

- How is God’s plan of salvation different than you might expect?
- Why do we sometimes attach human rules or conditions to God’s plan of salvation?
- How is our relationship with death affected by Jesus’ resurrection?
- What is an invention or practice or discovery that you’ve come across that has changed your life? How did it change your life?
- If you are a follower of Jesus, list some ways his resurrection has changed your life.

Romans 8:11 - “The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.”

Two implications from this verse...

- **The promise of our resurrection and eternal life with God.**
- **The promise of life in our “mortal bodies”.**



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What must we do to have new life in Jesus?

- **Accept his proof** - Trust that Jesus is the Son of God and that he died on the cross and rose again as payment for the penalty for your sins.
- **Believe his promise** - Believe that John 3:16 is true... "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him (*this is the promise*) shall not perish, but have eternal life." Since Jesus was resurrected, he will resurrect me.
- **Confess him as your Savior and Lord** - This is a vocal demonstration of your faith in Jesus Christ. You are declaring him as your God, your savior, and your Lord.