

R Group Questions

March 31, 2024

MAIN POINT: We believe that Jesus was raised from the dead and that changes everything!

1. We believe the tomb was empty- Matthew 28:1-10

Why is it important that the resurrection and empty tomb are historical events? Why do you think the disciples witness of the resurrection is such a powerful testimony for the truth of the event? How does their testimony connect to your individual faith in the resurrection? Which skeptical outlook have you heard (Jesus wasn't actually dead, Disciples made it up, it became a later legend of the church) and how did what the pastor say address those positions?

2. We believe the resurrection validates and vindicates Jesus- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Why is the resurrection so important for our faith? Why would we still be in our sins if Jesus didn't rise from the dead? How does the resurrection validate what Jesus said about himself? How does the resurrection vindicate the sentence of "guilty" about Jesus? Why is it important that Jesus didn't raise himself from the dead?

3. We believe the resurrection gives us a living hope- 1 Peter 1:3-5

How does the resurrection of Jesus connect to our new birth? Why do you think Peter says it's a "living hope"? What's the difference between Christian hope and the way the word hope is often used (wishful thinking)? How does Jesus anchor our hope? What is our inheritance and how does the resurrection connect to it? How does the resurrection of Jesus help us as we walk through life's difficulties especially death and loss?