Resurrection "Next Sunday"

Pastor Kylon Brune 2 Timothy 2:8-14 April 16, 2023

Snapshot:

A three-fold result of the resurrection to remember and to remind.

Study

1. The word of God is not bound. Read 2 Timothy 2:8-10

Were you surprised to find Jesus in the book of Esther? Take some time and search this Old Testament book for other connections to the work and ministry of Jesus in the New Testament and discuss them with the group.

What is the difference between an edict and a message? How could understanding the gospel as an edict change how we apply it to our lives and the lives of others?

On Sunday we talked about several ways that we tend to "bind the gospel" in the sense that we consider it unable to accomplish its purpose. How have you seen people saved despite seemingly insurmountable odds?

2. Our suffering is not wasted. Read 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

In scripture, dying with Christ is more than a one-time past occurrence. In what ways does the gospel challenge us to die daily with Christ? What does this look like for you practically and how have you seen it bring life?

Can you think of a time in your life when you had to endure something difficult? Maybe it was a difficult relationship, a spiritual challenge, an illness, a job, or an extraordinarily busy season. What did it look like (or what could it have looked like) for you to recognize Jesus' kingly rule over your life and His creation during that time?

3. We are never abandoned. Read 2 Timothy 2:12b-13

As a group, discuss the difference between a denial of Christ and a lapse in faith. Is there a difference? How do we find both a warning and a comfort here in this comparison?

On Sunday, we talked about how we are spiritually (and often otherwise) forgetful people. What are some practical ways that we can remember and remind others of Jesus' resurrection in the coming year?

Preparing for next week

Read: Isaiah 26

Ask: questions of the text

Pray: through text, for the pastor as he prepares, for your heart to hear, for the congregation to hear, for all of us to be obedient.