



Community Group Guide
Changes: Week 4
“How You View Brokenness”
Week of April 12

Check-in

1. How are you doing with the changes due to COVID-19?
 2. Is there anyone you know who could use assistance getting food or medicine?
 3. Is there anyone you know who may be lonely or need encouragement due to the quarantine?
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Scripture

Read *John 11:1-44*

Key Points From Message

Three things we have to understand to be able to answer how the resurrection shapes our view of the world

1. Death is evidence we live in a broken world
2. Jesus entered into our brokenness and it brought Him to tears
3. Jesus came to bring restoration to a broken world

How does the resurrection change the way that we view the broken reality we live in?

1. The resurrection changes the way we view our own brokenness
 2. The resurrection changes the way we view the brokenness around us
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Discover

1. Who is the author of this passage? Who is the target audience?
2. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
3. Who was Lazarus?
4. What is different in how Mary and Martha address Jesus? What is similar?

Deepen

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. In verse 6 we see that Jesus stayed where he was for 2 days after finding out that Lazarus was sick before heading off to see him. This was because he had a greater purpose in mind so that God could be glorified. Is there an area of your life that you are expecting God to follow your timeline instead of His?
3. In verse 27 we see Martha tell Jesus that she believes He is the Messiah. In verse 21 she expresses unbelief in Jesus' ability to resurrect Lazarus prior to the last day. In verse 39 we see her express doubts when Jesus tells them to remove the stone. In what areas of your own life do you tend to doubt the power of Jesus?

4. How has the resurrection changed the way you view your own brokenness?
 5. How has the resurrection changed the way you view the brokenness around you?
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Action Step

Evaluate how the resurrection has changed the way you view your own brokenness and the brokenness around you. Does the brokenness of the world dilute how you view the love of God? Focus on measuring the love of God by the cross and not by your current or past circumstances. Share with your community group how you struggle with understanding and believing the love of God.

Missions Focus: Local Food Pantries

Must Ministries

Must Ministries is a local organization founded in 1971 with the mission of being a servant leader for the communities in Marietta, Smyrna, Canton, and Cherokee County. Must Ministries helps to connect those who have a desire to help with those who need help the most. With the school closings, Must Ministries is collecting food to help feed at-risk students and their families. For more information go to mustministries.org.

Mosaic Church

Mosaic Church is a member of the SBC and the main food distribution point for local schools in the West Cobb area. They are currently collecting non-perishable food donations for the 1500 families that they serve. Donations can be dropped off at Mosaic Church (1528 Austell Rd, Marietta, Ga 30008) Mon-Thur from 9am-4pm. Go to <http://www.mosaicmarietta.org/covid19.html> for more information or to sign up to help pack boxes/monitor the computer lab for kids who are out of school.

Fair Oaks Elementary School

Fair Oaks Elementary School is one of the schools we have partnered with. They are currently in need of non-perishable food items (spaghetti, ramen, mac & cheese; foods that only need water and a microwave), diapers, and baby formula/food. Donations can be dropped off at Fair Oaks between 10am-noon (407 Barber Rd, Marietta, Ga 30060).

Go to <https://www.imageatl.com/covid19/serve/> for more information.

Prayer

Father thank you for first loving us. Thank you for loving us despite the brokenness in the world and not giving up on Your creation. Help us to look past our own circumstances and see the power of the cross. Help us to see the unbelief in our own lives. Thank you for dying on Calvary for us flawed people. During this pandemic, help us to show others Your love so that they can experience new and everlasting life. We love and thank you for sending Jesus to live the life we couldn't and to die in our place.

Memory Verse

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.” -Proverbs 3:5-6 (CSB)

Announcements

- There will be no physical gathering on Sunday April 19. We will be broadcasting the service at 10:30am from our [website](#) and our [youtube channel](#)
- Go to <https://www.imageatl.com/covid19/> for the most recent updates

Additional Resources

Should Christians be anxious about the coronavirus?

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/christians-anxious-coronavirus/>

This is a great time for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus

<https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/dear-christian-when-the-pandemic-hits-this-is-our-time/>

How can I love my neighbor?

<https://www.imageatl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Love-Your-Neighbor-COVID-19.pdf>