

## LIVING THE LIFE

### Part 1: Real Life, Right Now

**Objective:** To challenge us to start living the life Jesus called us to live, not later but right now.

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*  
John 10:10 (NIV)

*The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*  
John 10:10 (NLT)

*The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*  
Gal. 5:22-23

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*  
2 Corinthians 5:17

*"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."  
23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."  
24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."  
"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.*  
John 11:25-26

*...Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us*  
Ephesians 3:20

- When you hear the term "real life" or "life to the fullest" what comes to mind? What do you think it would take to live that kind of life?
- The pastor described "real life" as a life marked by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control, holiness, grace, forgiveness and hope. If you could live that kind of life, how would your relationships change? What keeps you from living that kind of life?
- What kind of power do you think it took to bring a dead man back to life? What would you do with that kind of power?
- Have you ever stopped to think about the fact that you can live this full life here and now and not simply have to wait for Heaven? How might the promise that you can live that life now change the way you pray and relate to God? How might it change the way you relate to others?
- The power to live this life is fully dependent upon the resurrection of Jesus. What do you believe about the resurrection of Jesus? How does that belief impact your ability to live real life, right now?

#### Consider this week:

- If the resurrection of Jesus is real, then there is no reason to not live real life, right now. What can you do to start accessing that resurrection power in your life this week.

**Final Thought:** Jesus died and rose again, giving us REAL LIFE. What are you doing to access that real life and through it transform your world?

