

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: It's been said, "Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die." This is the essence of the Gospel according to Jesus, that in order to save your life, you must lose your life. As counterintuitive as it may seem, there is indeed hope in *giving up*, there is hope in confessing *I can't*, there is hope in learning to *surrender*, and there is even hope in life after *death*. This Easter, discover the Resurrection Hope offered only in Jesus Christ. Come find yourself in Him.

The unfortunate prequalification for a resurrection is death.

Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)

Died and Seek

I've died to trying harder, and I seek to rely on Jesus quicker. Galatians 2:19-21 (MSG)

I've died to low level living, and I seek His Kingdom. Matthew 6:30-33 (MSG)

I've died to regretting the past, and I seek to enjoy the future. Phil. 2:12-14 (MSG)

I've died to being lost & lonely, and I seek to be found in the family of God. Rom 8:15-17 (MSG)

The life you're looking for is found in Jesus (and His Body)

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Have you ever found hope on the other side of 'giving up' and surrendering? Explain.
- 3) Read Colossians 3:1-4. How do you walk in the practice of *setting your mind on things that are above, and not on things that are on earth*?
- 4) Read Galatians 2:20-21. What's an example of relying on Jesus quicker, as opposed to trying harder?
- 5) Read Philippians 2:12-14. How well do you do at *forgetting the past and pressing on to the future* that God has for you?