

# Sermon Discussion Questions

Living The Resurrection – Ryan Finney  
12 April 2026  
Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

## AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

## MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week in Ryan’s message, Living The Resurrection, we ponder the question “What if Easter isn’t just something we celebrate, but something we actually live”?

In this message Ryan explores the tension we feel between what we believe and what we experience. Let’s dive in and find out what it means to live from resurrection and not just celebrate it.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to find someone and give them affirmation. Were you able to do that? How did it turn out?
2. What is something that stood out to you from Ryan’s message this week?
3. What happens if we use a compass to guide us which is not calibrated to “true” north? How can this concept show us what happens if our spiritual compass is not pointed in the right direction? What are the impacts?
4. What does it mean that when Jesus walked out of the grave, He didn’t leave any of it behind for you to carry? What does that mean for you in practical terms?
5. The resurrection is about the Kingdom of God breaking through right now. At the same time, it brings us into a tension between the now and the not yet. How do you explain the tension between the now and the not yet? What does it mean that the Kingdom of God has come, but the Kingdom of God has not yet come? How do we live in this tension? What does it mean for us?

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is your favorite spectator sport? What makes it special?
2. Use one word to describe how you feel physically. (Physically I feel \_\_\_\_ .)
3. Are you planning any special festivities during World Cup events in KC?

6. In his message, Ryan pointed out three biblical ways in which we are to live out the resurrection:

Sincere Love - Romans 12:9

Devoted Love - Romans 12:10a

Honoring Love - Romans 12:10b

How difficult is it for us to show sincere, devoted, and honoring love? What about showing this type of love to our enemies or those we don't get along with very well? How does this type of love work in our own life? How does this type of love build up the church?

### **APPLICATION**

The church is built on people who live in love toward one another. How well do you think you are doing? Are you living in love toward others? Even those who are difficult to love? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts and show you places where you need to improve and love people like Jesus loves them. Share with your group any struggles you have living in this kind of love.

### **COMING UP**

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

**The Call – Men's Breakfast**, 18 April, 9:00-11:00 am, New Wine Church Building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. Men are invited to The Call – Men's Breakfast, a special gathering for men to connect, grow, and be refreshed. There will be powerful ministry, heartfelt prayer, and an inspiring devotion to encourage you in your walk. And don't worry about breakfast—food will be provided, so come hungry and ready for fellowship. Don't miss this opportunity to recharge and strengthen your faith alongside other men! See you there!

**Baptisms**, 3 May, 10:00 am, Antioch Middle School, 2100 NE 65th St, Gladstone, MO. Register at: <https://nwckc.com/baptism?sapurl=Lytxdm56L2xiL2V2Lys1NXFxejYzP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZSZyZWNIbnRSb3V0ZT1hcHAud2ViLWFwcC5saWJyYXJ5LmNhbGVuZGFyJnJlY2VudFJvdXRlU2x1Zz0lMkJOY2ZoZmN4>

A class for those wishing to be baptized will be held immediately after the service on 26 April.

### **FINAL THOUGHT**

**To love at all is to be vulnerable.** *C.S. Lewis*