



COMMUNITY Groups

August 20th, 2017: BACK TO THE FUTURE

OPENING

- If you could go back in time to any year or time period, what would it be and why?
- Why do you think historians agree that Jesus is the most influential person in history? What are some ways that the world has been impacted by this one man?

DISCUSS & APPLY

Read Isaiah 25:6-8

- The prophet Isaiah uses the image of eating a delicious feast to describe what the future will be like. Why do you think we feast on significant occasions, like holidays? What are some special memories you have of sharing a great meal with others? What are some reasons Isaiah would use this image to describe what the future will be like?
- According to these verses, what are some things God promises to do in the future? How are these blessings different from how God blesses us today?

Read Isaiah 26:19

- What are some ways this passage points out that not only our spirits, but also our bodies will be resurrected after we die?
- How can the hope of a bodily resurrection give us courage to face challenging situations? How can it lead us to love others more?
- What did Ryan mean when he finished his tribute to his mother by saying “Wait in peace” rather than “Rest in peace”?

Read Acts 2:22-24

- What are some ways you have seen God work in your life? What did those moments teach you about God?
- According to these verses, what was God’s part in the crucifixion of Jesus? What was our part? Why do you think God could allow that to happen?
- What does it say about God that, after his Son was killed, he chose to give life rather than to punish and kill the people? If God could forgive the people who crucified his Son, what does that say about how God forgives us?

FINAL APPLICATION

When God raised Jesus from the dead, an era started where people don’t have to fear death. What is something that you fear? How can knowing that resurrection is real give you courage to face that fear?