

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

TAKING IT HOME

1. Read **Romans 6:5-11**. In what ways do these verses encourage you in your daily relationship with Jesus?

2. Read **2 Corinthians 5:14-17**. We are invited to be resurrected to new life on a daily basis! As you reflect on your own life, what does it mean for you that *"the old life is gone and a new life has begun"*? What does that look like for you?

3. Take a moment to let the Good News of the message of Easter really sink in. What is ONE THING for which you would like to express gratitude to God? Would you be willing to share that with your group?

4. As you reflect on the talk from this weekend, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MESSAGE NOTES

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We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. **Luke 24:21**

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."
John 14:6

1. When Jesus died, HOPE died with him.

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

*So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed... **John 20:1-8***

"We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard." **Acts 4:20**

2. When Jesus came back to life, HOPE came back to life!

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **John 3:16-17***

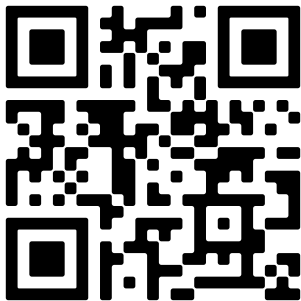
MEMORY VERSE:

*And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. **Romans 6:4***



PERSONAL NOTES

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Our Winter Groups Season is currently in session! During this season, use these questions to facilitate discussion with your Group or for personal study.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What's something you remember happening that you would never have believed if you hadn't seen it with your own eyes?

2. If you weren't an eyewitness to something incredible (for instance, the moon landing), what would it take to convince you it happened?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read ***John 20:1-18***.

- What stands out to you the most about these verses?

- Talk about the emotions that these disciples were feeling on this morning.

- What are some details in this account that give it credibility?

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” *James 1:22*

